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Asbestos Claim Holds No Water Says School Dept.

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam school officials have emphatically denied the accusation of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency statement saying the asbestos file for the Agawam High School was not in compliance with EPA guidelines.

The EPA, which conducted an inspection in July, claimed that the high school did not provide public notice to school personnel that the school contained asbestos. The EPA also states that the file displaying the location of asbestos within the school was not located within the building as required by federal law.

Officials from the EPA have said Agawam schools may be subject to a \$6,000 fine for the alleged failure of compliance.

We're Clean On This Matter"

Associate Superintendent of Schools, Donald Charest, however, told the School Committee Tuesday night, November 27th, "We're clean on this matter and hope to prove this to the EPA."

School Attorney John Teahan filed an appeal Wednesday morning, November 28th, with the EPA, stating the School Department's position on the allegations and asked for reconsideration of the EPA-proposed \$6,000 fine.

Charest said when the inspector arrived at the high school on July 11th, he questioned why public notice altering town personnel of asbestos within the building was not posted.

Charest says the inspector was shown that the notice had been removed from the wall, along with all other bulletins because the town's maintenance crew was in the process of washing the school's walls.

Charest further notes that the inspector had never asked to see the high school asbestos file that he later claimed was missing from the school. Charest says the inspector had seen the same copies contained within the high school file in the School Department's central office at the junior high school.

The EPA statement also cites that school officials failed to notify parents that their children attended a school containing asbestos.

Sent Out Press Releases

"The question here is what constitutes notification," said Charest. "We issued a press release stating that asbestos was in the schools to area papers and covered the subject in the high school newspaper (*The Mirror*) as well."

Charest says copies of the releases are being sent to the EPA office.

He also told the committee that he had expressed his concerns to an EPA official concerning the report which was based on the summer inspection and said the EPA planned to review the report with the inspector. In this way, Charest says, it can be determined if the report was not accurate.

School officials Tuesday were also quick to note that the questions raised over asbestos at the high school concerned only the filing system and with the posting of public notices and in no way addressed any fault with the asbestos within the school.

The EPA has determined asbestos can be a health hazard when it is dried out, crumbling, or exposed. Agawam schools have insulated all asbestos and the asbestos is not exposed.

Charest says that Director of Building Maintenance, Julian "Lou" Miodowski, conducts a regular maintenance routine which includes checking pipes insulated with asbestos, to insure the asbestos is not exposed.

Junior Women's Activities Highlighted...



AT A RECENT International Dinner sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, members Terry Gaudreau and Debbie O'Grady look over the "Silent Auction" table. The event was held at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB sponsored Clearinghouse project brought children to the Agawam Twin Cinemas to collect food to help feed local families during the holidays. Kids were allowed into a movie free just by bringing a canned good. Pictured are Steven Munley, Heidi Semanie, and Courtnie Hyland. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vacation-Pay Probe Continues

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council's investigative committee reviewed the audit from Springfield CPA James Farrell over the disposition of vacation time carry-over for 20 town hall employees.

The committee hired Farrell to review the records following initial queries by Councilor Neil Blatt last February.

Blatt questioned the unused vacation carry-over of former Town Clerk Rita Rose, noting the amount scheduled to be paid exceeded the one-year carry-over period allowed by the town code. This amount was approximately \$1,100.

Violation Of Town Code

As the investigative committee further probed the issue, it was discovered that other inaccuracies in vacation carry-over existed in violation of the town code.

Official concern has presently broadened to include memoranda over vacation time between the office of former Town Manager Edward A. Caba and various town employees.

While neither the tentative draft of the audit nor the memoranda in question have been made public at presstime, several officials have expressed deep concern that the memoranda indicates that Caba was aware of the limitations on vacation carry-over during his tenure in office.

Prior to Caba's removal from office last July, he told both the full council and the investigative committee that he was unaware of the limitations set forth in the town code.

Caba also said he was following the carry-over practices of previous town administrations.

In the event carry-over in vacation time was within

reasonable range of the town code and if the memorandum suggests Caba knew of the town code's limitations, committee chairman Thomas Locke said his committee would not recommend legal action to the council, but simply present the final draft of the audit.

The committee intends to hold a meeting with Farrell to discuss various aspects of the audit and for interpretation of data prior to releasing the report to the full council.

Committee members Locke, Paul Trimboli, and Edward Borgatti also said they found the present report had not computed various "bottom line" figures and would ask Farrell to explain the mechanics of the figures, or provide "bottom line" statistics.

Trimboli noted the vast majority of the 20 employees reviewed were within or reasonably close to the town code limitations and sustained verification against town hall accounting errors. Trimboli went on to note, Caba, Mrs. Rose, and Town Accountant Carol Taylor, however, received carry-overs furthest from the amounts permitted.

One councilor outside the investigative committee told us he intends to promote council action to have town employees who have received excess vacation to make restitution to the town by either compensatory time or payback of the amounts received.

Most Have Taken Vacation Time

Several officials have noted most affected personnel have not yet taken excess vacation but simply had the amounts carried forward on town records.

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Mrs. Sandlin Blasts Bill to Raise Pay Of Starting Teachers

by Stuart Parker

Advertiser News Political Writer

School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin blasted Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill 6262 which calls for payment of \$18,000 annual salary for new teachers throughout the state, at Tuesday night's School Committee meeting.

Mrs. Sandlin's comments came in the wake of the School Committee voting 6-1 to pass a two-year contract with the Agawam Education Association. AEA members will receive 10 percent raises over the contract period.

The bill, presently held up in its third reading in the House on Beacon Hill, is seeking to mandate starting salaries, class size, core curriculum, as well as other areas now controlled on the local level by school boards.

The bill may be subject of amendments (at presstime) prior to House passage or when it appears before the State Senate.

Though the present bill affords 100 percent state funding, Governor Michael Dukakis and various special interest groups are recommending considerably less funding from the state to implement the bill. Also, different figures of starting pay for new teachers is being debated because of the ripple effect such a jump in pay would have on the salaries of teachers already within the school system.

"The adoption of the bill will create a bureaucratic nightmare for administrators and take further control away from local communities over their school systems," said Mrs. Sandlin.

"We've already been saddled with the state mandated program of Chapter 766 for the last ten years, without state funding, and now the state is seeking to add more programs and more mandates.

"The Commonwealth should be looking to fund this program and others on the books before we initiate any new expenses," she said.

Mrs. Sandlin further questioned the effect binding arbitration would have on negotiations between school committees and teacher's unions, which is another feature of the new bill.

"Local communities will lose ground over contract negotiations, rights to establish class size, and curriculum policy with the adoption of this bill. As we have seen in the past, when Boston takes control of educational matters, the result is a quagmire of red tape and inefficiency."

Council Action On Indemnification Slated

by Stuart Parker

Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council is scheduled to take final action on Monday, December 3rd, over a referendum petition seeking to prevent the indemnification of Councilor Neil Blatt in a defamation of character suit filed by former Town Manager Edward A. Caba.

The council tabled the matter during its meeting last week to allow Town Solicitor Lambert Ollari to present his opinion in writing whether Blatt's indemnification is subject to referendum.

State Statutes

In dialogue with the council, Ollari has said he believes the town is obligated by state statute to provide Blatt with legal representation for his defense, unless the court rules against him at the conclusion of the suit.

Caba's attorney's, Theodore Dimauro and Constance Sweeney of Springfield, have said their case rests on charges that Blatt defamed Caba's character during an interview with TV-22 last February.

Blatt was asked if overpayments of vacation time to town personnel was, among other things, "criminal." Blatt responded, "In my opinion, all of the above."

Ollari's ruling is to direct the council, first, whether they may be asked by the petitioners to rescind an earlier vote to provide legal representation (indemnification) at the town's expense.

Secondly, Ollari is to rule if the electorate would be able to go to the ballot box to determine whether Blatt should receive indemnification.

In the event Ollari's ruling prevents consideration of the petitioner's request, spokesman John O'Brien has said he is not yet certain whether the petitioners would appeal such a ruling in court.

Debate on the council floor last week took shape with Councilor Andrew C. Gallano supporting immediate council action on the petition. Town Council

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Attorney William Flanagan, who represents the council in its defense of a suit filed by Caba over his dismissal, has advised the council to refrain from paying Caba his severance pay as well as vacation time. He said the council must first determine whether Caba's job performance may have cost the town money.

Flanagan has said the manager could be held responsible for loss of funds in the event the loss was triggered by failure to perform his duties.

President Donald M. Rheault supported tabling any action on the petition until Ollari came in with a ruling.

Gallano, in dissent of Blatt receiving indemnification, has long maintained the indemnification rights would leave public officials with no accountability for statements made in public.

Gallano also said the town charter required the council to act on a referendum petition "forthwith" and held that the council was required to act immediately whether to rescind its vote on indemnification. Gallano said waiting for Ollari's ruling was a delay.

Within The Scope

Rheault held the position that a town councilor is a 24-hour-a-day job and that Blatt's statements were within the scope of his duties as a public official. He said Blatt was fully entitled to the indemnification.

Rheault further said, "Mr. Gallano told this council that he had the citizens ready to go again with another petition drive when we voted on the indemnification. This is another attempt to stir the pot in Agawam and I'm sick of it."

"There are some of us who are continually charged with acting against the town charter but it seems those who are accused are the only ones willing to uphold it (the charter)."

Rheault said indemnification was allowed and/or mandated by the town charter, town code, state statutes, and case law. He added, "It is our sworn duty of office to uphold these laws."

Rheault further said, "The only one to decide whether indemnification will not be allowed will be the judge hearing this case, or the judge and jury. If this council intends to presume to act as judge and jury, we would be stepping out of our bounds."

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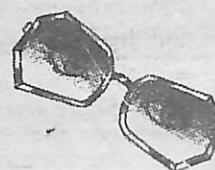
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Riverside Park of Yesteryear

Agawam is most fortunate in being the hometown of New England's largest amusement park! Known across the country, Riverside Park provides recreational activities to thousands of summer visitors seeking to find a moment of fun and amusement...an escape, if but temporarily, from today's hectic complexities of life.

Purchased by the Stuart Amusement Company in 1939, Riverside had enjoyed a memorable past dating as far back in time to 1857.

With the approach of a New England winter, the park once again has been "put to sleep," in accordance to the terminology of amusement park employees. But within the now quiet acreage of this splendid landmark of recreation, untold memories of yesteryear lurk in the shadows of this sleeping giant of pleasure!

The very name of the park bespeaks of its proximity to the great river, the Connecticut, whose sparkling waters and forested banks were once the habitat of the First Americans.

It is difficult to think of Riverside Park without associating it with this "famous river," as referred to by New England's own, Cotton Mather. The fact is, the river, "Quon-eh-ti-cut," an Algonquian term meaning the long river, is probably responsible for the very conception of the park itself!

According to town historian, Edith LaFrancis, during the mid to late 1800's, the river provided a means of recreational escape for many canoeists and boaters who soon learned that the quiet wooded area of Gallup's Grove provided a cool and shady recluse during the heat of summer.

The Sylvia

Although the park did not attain its present magnanimity as an amusement center until the 1940's, it did indeed provide a focal center for entertainment in the earlier days. Who does not recall their parents or grandparents making mention of Cook's Dancing Pavilion... "Where the crowds go?"

Situated on the very edge of the Connecticut River... "among the pines," it offered one of the coolest and largest dancing places for "Summer Dancing in New England." From its beginning the pavilion was the summer home of McEnellys Singing Orchestra. In time it played host to a number of America's greatest vocalists and dance bands such as Paul Whiteman, Guy Lombardo, John Philip Sousa and Springfield own's Frankie Carl. And who could forget vocalist Rudy Vallee?

But if this were not enough there was always the ride to Riverside via the steamboat "Sylvia." For those who would enjoy the ride by boat, the excursion began at its base port at the foot of Clinton Street in Springfield, whereupon it would make its slow but enjoyable trip along the Connecticut to the park.

Even if the excursionists did not make the stop-over at Riverside the nominal fee provided a lackadaisical sojourn on the then unpolluted waters of the great river.

According to Ed and Lila May Curry of Feeding Hills, they would dance all night and get the last boat home. After disembarking at Court Square they would join their friends at the Old Canton Restaurant in Springfield for a late meal. From here the trolley would bring them home again.

There are many today who recall the days of the "Sylvia," but long before then there were other steamboats that slowly steamed their way toward the final destination at the Park.

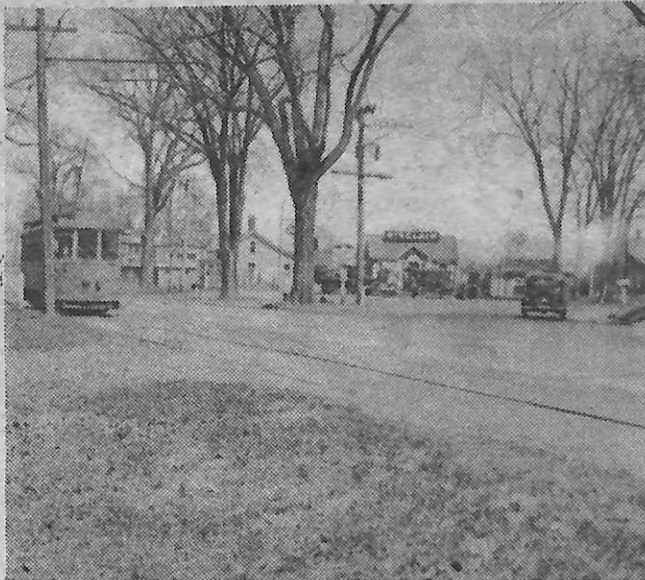
In 1870 John Gallup built the "Mayflower," followed by his 98-foot steamer, "River Belle" (1875). According to the town history, the River Belle was built in the same year as the steamboat "Calla." By 1885 Elmer Smith, then owner of Gallup's Grove (Riverside), had introduced still another steamer, the "Mascot," that was to service passengers until the year 1900.

About this time the Sylvia was built replacing the Mascot that was sold to a firm in South America, whereupon she probably was used in the banana business.

However, it is the Sylvia that most people remember as the favorite of the riverboats. The double decked steamer was 91.8 feet in length and provided services for 350 people.

Beside the passenger trade to Riverside, Sylvia might also be chartered for moonlight cruises along the picturesque Connecticut. Once again, Riverside was sold to Henry J. Perkins in 1912. With the outset of World War I, business came to a near standstill. Following the war she was reconditioned and again began to service the many people who turned their recreational interests toward Riverside.

According to Mrs. LaFrancis, this graceful steamer met competition with the onslaught of the thriving



A VIEW OF MAIN STREET, near Riverside Park, at the corner of River Road. The trolley car can be seen in the upper left corner.

automobile industry. Finally, the Sylvia was removed to the mouth of the Three Mile Brook and moored until her sudden, fiery demise in 1927. Mrs. LaFrancis claims that portions of the steamer can still be seen in the mud flats of her final resting place especially during the dry season when the river reveals certain mysteries that lie hidden beneath her dark waters.

Local Citizen Reminisces

Time and space does not allow for a complete history of this famous amusement park. Accordingly, it remains for a future article to properly recount Riverside's more recent history.

In an effort to scratch the surface, we have made reference to the earlier days when the Park allowed for pleasant memories for our parents and grandparents.

This being the case, we were referred to a local native and patriarch of the Russo clan, Tom Russo, who still maintains the Russo Farm on Cooper Street.

Like so many of his senior colleagues, Tom provided a personal account of his recollections of old Riverside. Tom is a living encyclopedia when it comes to the early days of the Park. As a young boy he worked at the amusement park. Filled with interesting accounts of his boyhood experience, Tom recounted the dance hall by the riverside.

In reference to the Natorium (circa 1928), he stated that Henry John Perkins drank the first glass of water

from this great enterprise that found its source from the Connecticut.

Again, in those days the great river was non-polluted! Some folks might remember that Agawam's own famous football coach, Harmon Smith (and his wife) were the first life guards at this gigantic outdoor activity that measured 11 feet in depth at its center.

Tom recalls that in 1930, amusement rides cost 5 cents per ride, while admission to the roller skating rink was 10 cents.

Along with his many recollections of the park, Russo had a collection of interesting photographs and memorabilia taken during the early years of the park's existence.

These pictorial histories date from as far back as the year 1900. Of particular interest are two souvenir tags of aluminum. The earliest tag, August 31st, 1906, is circular and commemorates the second annual clambake for co-workers at Riverside Grove. The second tag is heart-shaped with a scene of the famous restaurant and dated for the annual clambake September 2nd, 1915.

Colored Post Cards

Several colored post cards round out Tom's collectibles of the old amusement center. One such card shows the famous Natorium, then considered the most sanitary bathing pool in the world. It was 300 feet in diameter, filtered with 98% pure water, and had a capacity of 3000 gallons per minute flowing in and out of the pool.

The massive pool was surrounded with a sandy beach, while numbers of beach umbrellas circumscribed the entire periphery.

Still another double card opens to reveal the beautiful Cook's Dance Pavilion. The spacious open dance hall looks across the expanse of the Connecticut River. Indeed the good old days may not have been the epitome of modern "rock 'n roll" sounds, but they did provide a meaningful means of sane escape from even the slightest of trials and tribulations some 50 to 80 years ago.

And it should be remembered by our young people today that what they consider old fashioned paved the way for their entrance into a more chaotic lifestyle!

The true and complete story of Riverside would require far more than these few words can attest. Edith LaFrancis' town history devotes an entire chapter to the subject and even then there remains so much more in paying tribute to one of our nation's outstanding amusement centers.

We did not intend that the reader should have a total comprehension of the park's history by way of this article. Certainly, countless stories might be added by our local citizens concerning their personal experiences with Riverside. And still, there would remain so many untold stories of Agawam's recreational landmark.

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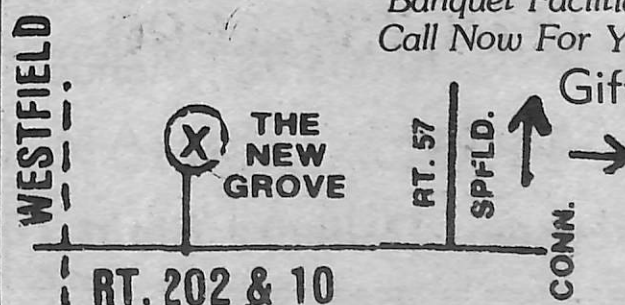
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The Legal Side

by Attorney Thomas Locke - Agawam

Products Liability Law

Case No. 3: Chemistry Experiment

In a landmark case, a federal jury setting in Springfield, Massachusetts, held the publisher of a textbook liable for negligent publication.

A junior high school student suffered severe burns when a chemistry experiment in a laboratory exploded in her face. The opportunities for collecting from a school teacher or local school board appeared to be limited, and the attorney chose to add the publisher of the textbook as a defendant.

The textbook provided the instructions and directions the student followed as she conducted the experiment. The textbook directed the use of a highly flammable and explosive chemical (methyl alcohol), but failed to provide adequate warnings regarding the product's explosiveness or the use of protective safety equipment. The total awarded for the injured student was \$1.1 million.

Case No. 4: The Cozy Comforter

Two young children were permanently disfigured from burns they suffered after a fire broke out on a polyester fiberfilled comforter on which they were laying. The comforter was marketed under an alluring name, "Heavenly Sleeper," but turned out to be a dangerous product.

The source of the fire was unknown and irrelevant in this case, even if the fire may not have been ignited by the children. The comforter melted into a hot, sticky, lava-like mass which clung to the children's hands and faces burning them to their very bones. The record settlement was for \$1.5 million.

If a manufacturer wants its product to be used in the "real" world, then it has a duty to make it safe for people as they actually use it.

When the children's parents purchased the comforter, they had no idea of the dangers. The product was sold with reassuring labels that it was "certified" by a company with a reputation for quality.

Unfortunately, the "certification" did not include testing the product for its reaction to heat. No one tested the comforter until the tragedy occurred. Heat and fire are real hazards in the "real" world, and a manufacturer has a duty not to make a product that will exacerbate injuries.

Case No. 5: Caustic Drain Cleaner

When a can of caustic drain cleaner spilled on the face of a toddler as she stood beside her father (who was cleaning the bathroom drain), the toddler was severely burned and permanently disfigured.

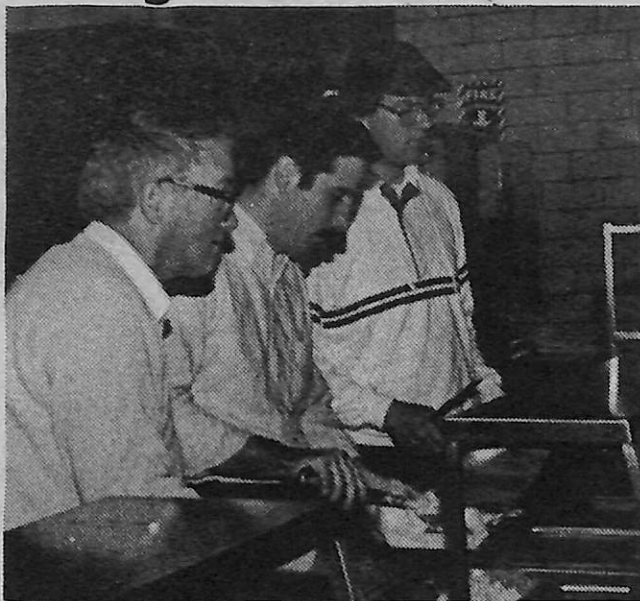
Investigation revealed that this product contained dangerous concentrations of caustic sodium hydroxide and should never have been marketed for household use. When the substance is used in laboratories, protective clothing and other safety equipment are used.

The product was marketed in a container designated for convenient shipping, not consumer safety. The young girl was awarded approximately \$1 million.

The cleaner's manufacturer knew that its product could destroy human skin upon contact, yet the company marketed this product for household use.

The drain cleaners could be made just as cheaply and effectively using non-caustic chemicals, avoiding the use and dangers of caustic chemicals. Just because a product is on the market does not necessarily mean it has a right to "exist."

High School Boosters Pancake Breakfast



AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Al Berard, Mike Walsh, and Mike Manning serve hot breakfasts to Brownie supporters just before the big Thanksgiving Day game against West Springfield. The breakfast was held at the AHS cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Winter Rules Start For Agawam Parking

The Agawam Department of Public Works and Police Department jointly wish to remind residents of certain town ordinances regulating winter parking and snow plowing.

During the period of November 15th through April 1st, parking of vehicles on streets and ways in Agawam is prohibited on that side of the street on which buildings have an odd street number.

This ordinance applies at all times except during snow plowing operations or a declared emergency.

During snow plowing or removal operations any vehicle impeding in any way with such work may be removed or towed away at the owner's expense. In general, any vehicle parked on a street during plowing or snow removal operations interferes with such work and will be removed.

If the accumulation of snow and ice on public ways is such that the parking of vehicles on these ways impedes or prevents the passage of emergency service vehicle or police vehicles, the Town Manager may declare via radio and T.V. announcements that a state of emergency exists.

During the state of emergency the parking of vehicles on a public way is prohibited. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be \$15 for the first offense and \$25 for the second and all subsequent offenses.

The town ordinance further provides that no persons plowing, pushing or shoveling snow or ice from private parking lots, driveways or sidewalks in or upon any street, shall leave any ridge of ice or snow or other debris upon the street as to cause hazardous or dangerous conditions.



JIMMY ANTICO & JANELLE BELTRANDI want to eat their Football Booster Club breakfast in peace, but photographer Jack Devine wouldn't let them until they posed for a picture. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Republican Committee Plans Breakfast Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting Saturday morning, December 1st at 8:30 a.m., at the Court House, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Interested Republican and Independent voters are urged to attend.

Best Hometown News

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Thursday, November 29th
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Monday, December 3rd
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Tuesday, December 11th
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Junior High Cafeteria
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Sandra M. Lockwood Weds Andrew Campbell of Agawam

Sandra M. Lockwood and Andrew J. Campbell were married Saturday, November 17th, at the Ramada Inn in East Windsor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lockwood of Cromwell, Connecticut. The bridegroom is the son of Andy and Marie Campbell of Feeding Hills.

Shirley Spencer was maid of honor and Carl Campbell was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Cromwell High School and is employed by the Hartford Insurance Company. The bridegroom is a graduate of Windsor High School and is employed by CIGNA Insurance Co.

The couple left for a honeymoon in Vermont and will reside in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

DeLucchi Seeks Nominations For Honored Citizens Award

Town Councillor Mario DeLucchi today urged all residents of Agawam to submit names in nomination for Town Council's annual "Honored Citizens Award."

The awards are handed out each year to those citizens who have shown dedication to the community through service organizations and clubs, or in other capacities that have benefitted the citizens of Agawam.

Please submit your nomination, with a brief description of the nominee(s) to: Mario DeLucchi, 95 Spencer Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or to the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA 01001.



MR. & MRS. JAMES L. BRAICA

Braicas Honored For 60 Years of Marriage

James L. & Mary (Kirkpatrick) Braica, of 204 High Street, Agawam, were feted at a 60th wedding anniversary party at Storowton Tavern on Saturday, November 24th, by family members and friends.

Prior to the gala reception at the Tavern's new Carriage House, attended by over 100 people, the happy couple were given a special Mass at St. Anthony's of Padua Church in North Agawam.

The Braicas were married on November 27th, 1924, in the Holy Name Church (Springfield) and have lived in Agawam for 15 years. They have six children, 21 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Their children include: Mrs. Agnes (Braica) DeLucchi, Mrs. Jean (Braica) Ceccerani, Louis Braica, and William Braica, all of Agawam; Mrs. Patricia (Braica) Olewinski of Wisconsin (formerly of Feeding Hills); and James Braica of Springfield.

Mr. Braica is retired from the Springfield Armory. Both he and his wife were born in Springfield.

Agawam Unico Schedules 2nd Annual Memorial Mass

Agawam Unico will have their Second Annual Memorial Mass on Friday, November 30th, at 7:00 p.m. for their departed members, at St. Anthony's Church, corner of Maple and Bridge Streets, Agawam.

Unican chaplain, Rev. S. Anthony Piazza, C.S.S., a member of the Stigmatine Fathers Congregation, will be the Mass celebrant.

Departed members to be remembered are: Nicholas Zucco, Alfano Alfonse, Nicholas Chechlie, John Beltrandi, Albert Bongiovanni, Anthony Buoniconti, Anthony DiDonato, Dominic Maiolo, James Mercadante, Anthony Natale, James Spagnolo, Lee Zanolli, C. Zerra, Paul D'Amato, Louis DePalma, Nicholas DePalo, and Francis Rosso.

The memorial Mass committee includes Paul Ferrarini, chairman; Mario DeLucchi, Walter Balboni, Frank Chisciola, Al DellaPegorara, Charles Calabrese, Raymond Girotti, Everett Venturini, and Frank Gatti.

Daughters of Isabella Plan Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party and dinner for Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella, will be held Wednesday, December 5th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 63 Park Avenue, West Springfield.

There will be a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nancy Nowak is hostess, assisted by Catherine McCarthy.

A catered dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m., followed by a "Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long" and games, directed by Janet Wysocki and Emelie Smith.

Reservations may be made by phoning Eleanor Malone, 788-0884. Husbands and guests are invited.

Honorary chairwoman is regent Grace Hughes. General chairwoman is past regent, F. Dorothy Guindon.

Advent Evening of Renewal Slated by Marian Center

An Advent Evening of Renewal for Men and Women will be held at the Marian Center in Holyoke on Wednesday, December 5th, with Rev. John Walchurs, S.J., as guest speaker. Opening talk will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. A second talk and the celebration of Mass will complete the evening. Reservations are necessary. Contact the Marian Center at 533-7171. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.

Welcome in 1985 at a year-end evening of prayer at the Marian Center in Holyoke on Monday, December 31st, with Rev. Warren J. Savage as guest speaker.

Opening talk will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. A second talk and the celebration of Mass will complete the evening. Reservations necessary. Contact the Marian Center at 533-7171. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.

Father Savage is on the faculty of Cathedral High School and resides at Holy Family Parish, Springfield.

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The next meetings are December 4th and December 18th at 7:30 p.m., on the South One hospice unit, which specializes in palliative care for patients and families.

Group meetings are coordinated by Pat Briggs, R.N. and Lea Stoltz, LPN.

Anyone in need is urged to attend. Those wishing more information may call the hospital at 562-4131, ext. 134.

Energy Bingo At Agawam Senior Center

A special bingo party for all senior citizens in Agawam who own their own home or who pay a heating bill will be sponsored by Mass-Save in cooperation with Bay State Gas and Western Mass. Electric Co., on Tuesday, December 4th, at 1:30 p.m.

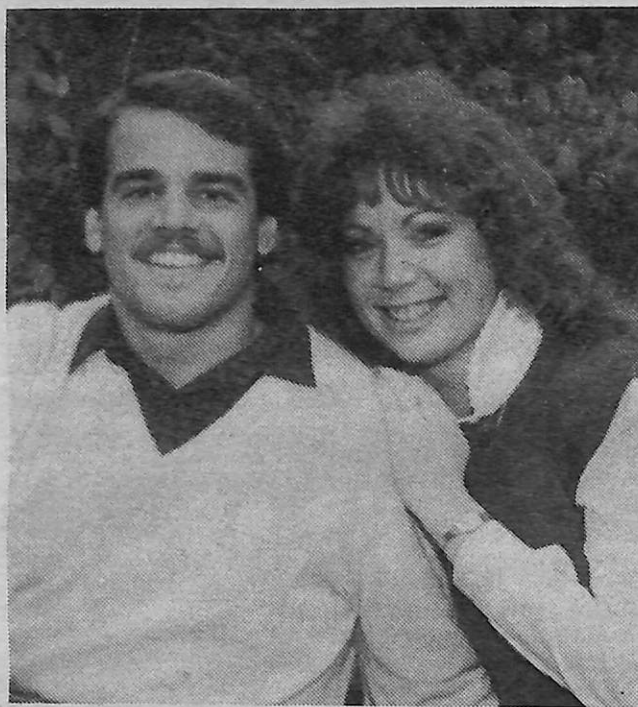
Free weatherization materials will be given out. All prizes are donated by Mass-Save, Bay State Gas and Western Mass. Electric Co. There will be free refreshments and free admission.

Also, a Mass-Save expert will discuss and demonstrate proper ways to install weatherization materials. Ted Progulski of Agawam will conduct this special weatherization program.

Agawam Lioness Club Donates to Orthoptic Clinic

The president of Agawam Lioness Club, Ann Favreau, presented a check for \$100 to the Lions Orthoptic Clinic at the general meeting held at the Agawam Lions Den in West Springfield on Monday, November 26th.

As a result of their fundraising activities, the Agawam Lioness Club supports the Lions Orthoptic Clinic which provides pre-operative and post-operative therapy for persons with vision problems relating to eye muscle imbalance, amblyopia, and eye fatigue. The clinic's main objective is the prevention of blindness.



GARY MALANSON & JULIE BRYDEN

Julie Bryden Engaged To Gary Malanson

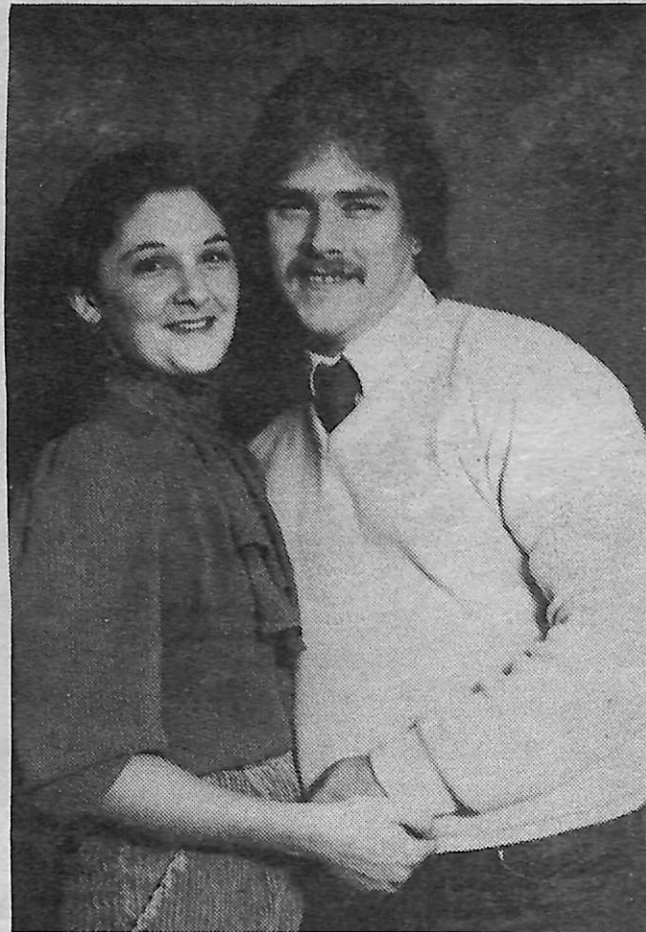
Mr. and Mrs. John Bryden are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie Bryden, to Gary Michael Malanson.

Miss Bryden, a graduate of Agawam High School, is now an employee of Buxton Inc., Agawam.

Mr. Malanson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Malanson, 422 Meadow Street, Agawam, is also a graduate of Agawam High School. He furthered his education at Holyoke Community College. He is employed by John Rosati's Trucking of Agawam.

An April 1985 wedding is planned.

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KATHLEEN RAIMONDI & JOHN LERTORA

Kathleen Raimondi Engaged To John Lertora

Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Raimondi of 36 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen A. Raimondi, to John M. Lertora, son of James and Shirley Lertora of West Springfield.

Miss Raimondi is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed by Combustion Engineering, Inc., in Windsor, Connecticut.

Mr. Lertora is a graduate of West Springfield High School, the University of Massachusetts, and is currently in his senior year at the New England College of Optometry in Boston.

A September 7th, 1985 wedding is planned.



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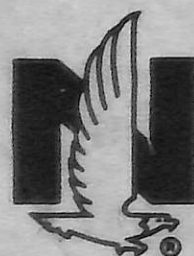
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MR. & MRS. GEORGE PHANEUF celebrated their 50th anniversary. (See "More Friends & Neighbors").

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet December 7th

Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will gather in Immaculate Conception Church, Main Street, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, from 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 7th, through Saturday, December 8th, at 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Timothy Hallahan, pastor, opens the nine-hour period of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m. Alternating groups spend one hour reciting the Office and in private throughout the night, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m. Assisting with arrangements are Joseph Gaze, Immaculate Conception membership, and Alfred L. Mutti, society secretary. Membership is open to all men and women, 18 years or over. Services are open to the general public are welcome to participate.

Mercy Warren DAR To Meet In Springfield December 4th

Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will meet on Tuesday, December 4th, at Faith Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., preceded by tea at 12:15 p.m. Special guests for the meeting will be all District IX Chapters.

Dr. Edmund B. Sullivan, curator of development at the University of Hartford, will speak on "A Trip Of Honor: Log Cabin to the White House: On the Campaign Trail." The American Heritage Corner will feature artifacts brought by Dr. Sullivan.

The Annual Christmas Bazaar, "Silent Auction," will be held following the meeting. All members are requested to bring items for the auction.

The Hannah Dustin Club will be hostesses for the meeting.



MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

By Vi Massoia

Phaneufs Celebrate 50th Anniversary

GEORGE and CECILE (MESSIER) PHANEUF of 12 Stanley Place, Agawam, celebrated their 50th anniversary with an 11:45 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church in Agawam, followed by a reception at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Phaneuf were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 29th, 1934, at St. Joseph's Church in Springfield.

The reception was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, DR. and MRS. ROGER PHANEUF, and their grandsons, JEFFREY, CHRISTOPHER and GREGORY of Sherborn, Massachusetts.

Mr. Phaneuf is a retired Food Mart meat manager and Mrs. Phaneuf retired from the Eastern States Farmers Exchange (now Agway) after 20 years of service as office clerk.

Guests attended from Hyannis, Syracuse, Connecticut, and California.

Belated birthday wishes go to ANN MARIE CASIELLO of Leland Street, Agawam, who celebrated her 21st birthday on Saturday, November 24th. Ann works at the Newstand in West Springfield and is a student at Westfield State College.

BONNIE GRAHAM is the girl to call to get the job done, according to the *Homes Magazine*. She is a real estate agent working for Century 21 (A-1 Hoffman Realty) and was named TOP AGENT for October. She lives in Feeding Hills with her husband, SAM, and children, ALANA and JUDSON. Bonnie was also awarded the Century 21 Pace-Setter Award.

Congratulations Bonnie.

The christening of ADAM BRENT ROVITHIS was held on Sunday, November 18th. He is the son of STEVEN and SHARON ROVITHIS of Feeding Hills.

He has a five-year-old brother, STEVEN. The christening took place at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George on Plainfield Street, Springfield.

Godparents were CHRISTINE ROVITHIS and Please submit your items of social and family interest by writing Vi Massoia, 6 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, 01030.

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MICHAEL GOVINE. A reception immediately following the ceremony was held at the Willow Glen in East Longmeadow. One hundred and fifty guests joined in the celebration.

The Agawam Guild of Our Lady of Providence Children's Center (Brightside) will hold their 12th Annual Christmas Party on December 7th, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of MRS. PEARL BONFITTO, president of the Guild who lives at 196 Meadow Street, Agawam.

Mrs. Bonfitto's friends and neighbors raise money throughout the year by holding tag sales and cake sales. Handmade articles and crafts are donated for sale to those attending the open house.

During the evening there will be a buffet dinner and door prizes will be distributed among the guests. A donation of \$2 will be accepted at the door.

Honored guest will be GERARD MALOUIN, executive director of the Providence Children's Center who will show slides depicting the activities and work being done at the Center. Accompanying Malouin will be a guest speaker. Mrs. Bonfitto has served on this board since 1982.

The Committee-in-Charge wish to extend a cordial invitation to the public and to their many friends to attend the party and join in the Christmas festivities.

BOB TETREAU and LIL CASIELLO - owners of the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street, gave me some information to write on. This should be of interest to friends and neighbors of the following bowlers.

DEBBIE CHECHILE, who bowls with the Sunday night Ball and Chain League (at Agawam Bowl) put together a 98-165-148 for a three string total of 411, which is a house record for women. Several other women have rolled 350 or better including LIL Casiello's 370; AVIS BRUSIGIO'S 368; IRENE GUTOWSKI'S 363; KATHY FRANKLIN'S 360; LEE PETTY'S 352 and hitting the pins for exactly 350 were DIANE ERSKINE; SANDY MARINI, VI MASSOIA, and MARION OSGOOD.

FRANK TANGREDI carried the house record for men with a three string total of 458 (152-148-158), which he bowled back on October 5th, 1983. That record lasted until March 14th, 1984, when GARY STONE bowled a new house record of 461 (173-146-142). Other men bowling 400 or over are: GEORGE ALLARD with a 422; RICH DUGA'S 415; RAY BURROUGHS and BOB split the pins for a 409; CARL GREENE rolled a 407 and a 402; LANCE POIRIER and JAY NOMAKEO each rolled a 406; PAT LOSITO'S 404; JEFF DANNER'S 402; CHARLIE McCobb's 401 and an even 400 for CHET ZYMROZ.

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Edwin Humphrey of St. David's Church Retires As Principal

by Mary K. Steele
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Suffield: Edwin Humphrey, retired principal from Suffield's A. Ward Spaulding and Bridge Street elementary schools, was honored Thursday, November 15th, at a reception held at the Spaulding School.

Humphrey currently resides in East Longmeadow. Previously he lived for eight years at Shibley Court in Feeding Hills and he is still an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church on Springfield Street.

P.T.O. members, as well as many parents and students, were on hand to fete the popular educator. Humphrey was presented with an aerial picture of the school and First Selectman William Harrison presented him with a certificate from the town.

Honored Last Month

The ex-principal had been honored last month with a surprise party put on by the school's staff members at the Storowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

Humphrey had served as principal at Spaulding School for 19 years, in addition to serving as principal of the Bridge Street School last year.

He assumed the administrative chores at Bridge Street after the departure of its former principal, Eileen Oleksak, who had served that school from 1969-1983. Mrs. Oleksak is temporarily acting as principal of the two elementary schools until Humphrey's replacement arrives after Thanksgiving.

Humphrey had planned an early retirement in June 1985, but due to health reasons his last day of work was this past June.

The principal was responsible for approximately 750 children, 30 teachers, several aids, non-classroom teachers, and various other staff members between Spaulding and Bridge Street schools. The majority of his time was spent at the larger Spaulding School.

"I just tried to be wherever the action was," he told us.

He shows an obvious pride in the staff of both schools. He said, "I cannot emphasize enough the cooperation between staff and parents in Suffield. It is a beautiful relationship; if any problems arose, they were generally easily worked out because of the great respect they had for one another."

Humphrey is also proud of the fact that the Suffield elementary schools "took the bull by the horns" and were among the first in Connecticut to begin a Health and Development curriculum and to approach the child sexual abuse problems in the classroom.

Remembers The Tornado of '79

Humphrey recalled his most memorable moment as a principal during the October 1979 tornado which cut through this area. It struck near the school as the children were about to be dismissed. Nearly half the student population, as well as most of the staff, were forced to remain in the school until 9:00 p.m. that evening.

He remembered, "It is ironic that such a tragedy leaves me with a nice memory. The cooperation of staff and students was unbelievable. To add to the fear caused by the tornado, there was no electricity in the building. To minimize the children's potential panic, the teachers read and told stories to them and later we fed them what we could."

"Some of the parents ventured out to retrieve their children only to find that they were having such a good time they didn't want to leave."

Humphrey has been a member in the Alumnae Association at American International College (AIC) in Springfield and plans on becoming even more active in that association in his retirement.

He is a member of the Suffield Rotary Club and had the honor of serving as its president from 1976-1977. He was secretary of the Bi-Centennial Commission in Suffield, a post that he still describes as being "a lot of fun."

The East Longmeadow resident plans to keep busy during his retirement with his volunteer activities, and with gardening and traveling. Trips to Georgia, Florida and Hawaii are on this year's agenda.

Despite his busy schedule, the Humphrey told us, "I will miss the kids, staff, parents and bus drivers - everyone. I have been lucky to have had the pleasure of working with a very nice group of people."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary K. Steele is a junior at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. She is conducting her internship with the **Advertiser News** this year.

Arthritis Foundation Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Arthritis Foundation, Springfield Support Group will hold its annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:00 p.m., Elks Lodge, No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

There will be a buffet dinner for \$6 with door prizes, a drawing, and a \$2 grab bag gift.

Send money for dinner to: Jean Barlow, 45 Spencer Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01118. Free parking. For further information, call Esther Reynolds, 786-8672.



SUFFIELD FIRST SELECTMAN WILLIAM HARRISON (right), a former Agawam resident, presents retired Suffield elementary school principal Edwin Humphrey, a former Agawam resident, with a citation of appreciation from the town at a reception held in Humphrey's honor on Thursday, November 15th, at Spaulding Elementary School on Mountain Road.

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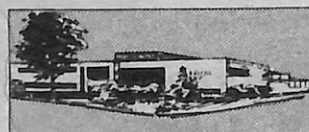
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Agawam Senior Center News, Activities

Volunteers Wanted

The Agawam Council on Aging is seeking a volunteer instructor for Ping Pong classes to be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you feel you can help, please call Sandra Smith at the Senior Center, 786-0400, extension 242, on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday after noontime.

ARE YOU READY for 1985 at the Senior Center? Exciting new programs are being planned by Sandra. They will be starting in January.

Ping Pong Classes

With the attainment by the Senior Center of a regulation Ping Pong table donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gravel (a member of Council on Aging), our seniors may now sign up for the classes that will start in January.

Each class is limited to eight players so get your name on that list right away.

Ladies Pool Classes

Also on Tuesday afternoons, starting in January, ladies may receive instruction in the basics of playing pool and/or in improving their present skills. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Registration for each of these classes is now open. Stop in at the Center at Meadowbrook Manor or call 786-0400 extension 242, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mini-Courses Coming

Also, early in 1985, the Agawam Council on Aging will begin its program of mini-courses for seniors (in the development stages during the fall), are about to become a reality. Watch for announcements for courses to be offered.

Check The Bulletin Board

Make a habit of stopping in at the Center to check out the bulletin board to keep yourself up-to-date on exact dates and times for all the activities already announced and those which will follow through 1985.

Workshop On Indoor Hyperthermia (Dangerously Low Body Temperature)

Wednesday, December 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Northeast Utilities is sponsoring through the Agawam Council on Aging, a workshop on Indoor Hypothermia (when the body

temperature drops below 95°), at the Senior Center. This is very important topic and we encourage your attendance at this meeting to learn who is at risk, how it may be detected and how it should be treated. But, more to the point perhaps, you can learn how it may be prevented, not only for yourself but for those you love.

Reminder

Registration deadline is December 1st for anyone not holding a green card for the December 27th distribution of cheese and butter.

December 13th is the deadline for reservations for Coachlight Dinner Theatre matinee on January 10th, 1985. Price is \$18.55 and payment must accompany the reservation.



Agawam Seniors Visit "West Podunk"

If you have always thought a place called "Podunk" represented the other side of nowhere, rest assured there is truly a "Podunk" and a "West Podunk."

A recent bus trip took a group of Agawam seniors there! Our announced destination was Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield or, as it is known to residents of the area, "West Podunk."

It was a first-time visit to Salem Cross Inn for many and even for those who had been there before, the demonstration of the Beehive Oven was a first. Margery Salem and her niece, Martha, were the demonstrators kneading and shaping previously mixed bread doughs into loaves of "Bannister Bread" and "Oatmeal Bread" and also mixed a batch of their oatmeal cookies.

As the ladies worked preparing the breads, they told the history of the farm and origin of the name "Salem Cross." Also, they told us that the Beehive Oven, originally built in 1699, had been discovered fairly recently in another house in the area but it was in bad shape. It was purchased and completely restored at Salem Cross Inn and is now used

to bake all the Inn's breads. It is one of a few free-standing Beehive Ovens still in use.

Bread For Sale

While the group was served lunch at long tables by the sunny windows (across the end of the room), the bread and cookies were baking in the old oven, to be offered for sale after lunch.

Because there were not enough loaves for everyone, names were placed in an old brass bucket and drawn for the few who then had the privilege of buying a loaf of bread.

Some in the group said they had never tasted a better slice of bread. We include the recipe for "Bannister Bread" which was named Grand Champion in Salem Cross Inn's Annual Bake-Off. (Next March they plan a "Pie Bake-Off").

Salem Cross Inn also has the distinction of having the only known operating "Roasting Jack" in the country. A Roasting or Clock Jack is a device of the 1700's using weights to rotate the spit, permitting even treatment in the fireplace of large pieces of meat.

It is located in one of their huge fireplaces on the lower level. They regularly roast quarters of beef there and were preparing to roast two, 38-pound turkeys on the "Jack" for Thanksgiving.

Also, probably sometime in 1985, guests at Salem Cross Inn will be able to visit the former Storowton Stagecoach Barn once again.

The Barn was purchased from the Big E about two years ago, dismantled and moved to "West Podunk." The Salems are now planning its future use, incorporating it into their establishment.

Leaving Salem Cross Inn, the next stop was at St. Anne's Shrine in Sturbridge where Assumptionist Father Claude gave a fascinating story of the Russian Icons on display in the little church. He also told us how the church was started. En route home a couple of brief shopping stops were made.

Sandra Smith, activities director for the Council on Aging, who arranged this delightful day, gave the group a run-down of the exciting trips that will be available to Agawam Seniors in 1985.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, December 3rd
Tuesday, December 4th
Open House
Agawam Junior High
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4th
Financial Aid Night for Parents
Agawam High School
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 6th
Skate-A-Thon for Timmy Sunstrom
Agawam Rollaway
Main Street
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th
Roast Beef Supper & Bazaar
Feeding Hills Congo Church
North Westfield Street
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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SENIOR EVENTS - From Page 10...**Recipe For Bannister Bread**by Rose A. McGranty,
Grand Champion Baker**5½ to 6½ cups flour****2½ teaspoons salt****¼ teaspoon baking soda****3 tablespoons sugar****1 package dry yeast****1 cup milk soured with 1 tablespoon of white vinegar****1 cup water****1/3 cup margarine**

Heat milk, water and margarine until warm. In large bowl, mix 2 cups flour, salt, soda, sugar, and yeast. Slowly add warmed milk (which will look curdled) and beat at medium speed for two minutes. Stir in more flour until you have a soft dough. Turn onto floured board and knead until smooth, at least 8 minutes.

Place in greased bowl, cover, rise until double, about one hour. Punch down and on floured board divide dough in half. Roll each half into rectangle to remove gas bubbles. Roll up like jelly roll, punch seam and turn under ends. Place in greased 8½x4½x2½ loaf pans. Cover and let rise until double, about one hour.

Bake in 375° oven 30 to 35 minutes or until done. Cool on racks. (For glass pans use 350°).

NOTE: I use only King Arthur Flour. Also, I use Promise margarine sticks because of "0" cholesterol. This bread slices beautifully - even ¼" in thickness - without crumbling. It has won me many blue and red ribbons in the Bolton Fair and at Hudson Catholic High where the judges have included the head chef from Wayside Inn and the owner of IGA Bakery.

**December Calendar
Masonic Temple**

Monday, December 3rd: 7:30 p.m. Regular communication to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.

Wednesday, December 5th: 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay.

Sunday, December 9th: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sunday breakfast.

Monday, December 10th: 6:00 p.m. Special Communication "Veterans" Night. All 50-year members of Elm Lodge are to be guest at a roast beef dinner. James A. Pool, district deputy for the Springfield 33rd Masonic District will be paying a fraternal visit at this meeting. A 3rd or Master Mason degree will be conferred at this meeting. Dinner reservation is a must. Contact any Elm lodge officer or call 733-7391 after 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16th: Children's Annual Christmas party.

Monday, December 17th: 7:30 p.m. Special communication to confer the 2nd or Fellowcraft Degree on one candidate.

Wednesday, December 19th: 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting of Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay.



REV. IVAN SMITH

**Golden Age Club
December Events**

December 4th: Trip to LaSalette Christmas Lights.

December 4th: At the Senior Center beginning at 1:30 p.m. senior citizens are invited to play "Energy Bingo" free of charge, sponsored by Mass. Save.

December 5th: Chapter 2. No meeting. Christmas party at the new Storrowton Barn, West Springfield, at 11:30 a.m.

December 7th: Chapter 1. Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

December 9th: Trip to the Gables Inn, Lenox, for a dinner and show.

December 12th: Chapter 1. No meeting. Christmas party at Chez Josef at 11:30 a.m.

December 19th: Chapter 2. Regular meeting with a Christmas party at the Senior Center.

December 26th: Regular meeting with a musical program by Jeannette Dennon-court.

December 28th: Board of directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**Rev. Ivan Smith To Preach At
Feeding Hills Baptist Church**

Beginning Sunday, December 2nd, Rev. Ivan Smith will be preaching at the Feeding Hills Baptist Church (morning worship 10:45 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m., the monthly Joytime Singspiration will be held). Pastor Ivan and Beverly Smith will provide special musical selections. There will be an old-fashioned hymn-sing as well.

On Monday evening, December 3rd Pastor Smith's subject will be Bible Prophecy, Tuesday and Wednesday family oriented messages. Weekly services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Ivan Smith Jr. was born in a small town in northern Maine called Mars Hill. He was born again in an evangelical meeting at the age of 11 in the local Baptist church. At age 12 he gave his life to Christ for fulltime Christian service. Ivan later attended Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary, where he received his B.S., B.D., and M.A. degrees.

He has been a successful pastor with growing churches. He has held pastorates at the Phillips Church in Boston, Massachusetts; the United Baptist Church of Bear River, Nova Scotia, Canada; Calvary Baptist Church of Manchester, New Hampshire; Trinity Baptist Church of Brockton, Massachusetts; First Baptist Church of Canoga Park, California; and Faith Baptist Church of Goleta, California.

He pioneered the work and established the Calvary Baptist Church of Derry, New Hampshire. The church grew from 60 members in 1972 to over 500 members in 1976, with a total budget of over \$300,000, including a Christian Day School that he founded, numbering nearly 300 students.

In 1973 Rev. Smith was named the outstanding citizen of the year by the Derry, Londonderry, New Hampshire Jaycees for his dedication to the community.

Rev. Smith is currently pastoring the Windham Bible Chapel in Windham, New Hampshire, of which he is also the founder. The public is cordially invited to all services.

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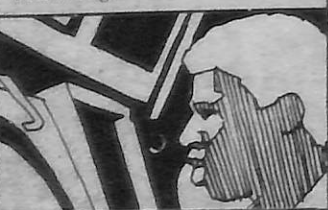
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB held an International Dinner on Tuesday, November 20th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Members of the Agawam Women's Club were invited. Agawam Juniors who are about to enjoy the meal are, from left - Barbara Schusterman, Aileen Hamre, Rhonda Ferrari, and Betsy Sardella. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB president Gail Pirnie (left) with club member Pat O'Connor, Pauline Woodruff, president of the Agawam Woman's Club, and Aileen Semanie, club member, at the International Dinner held on November 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire-Wise

by Rusty Jenks - Acting Fire Chief

Family Fire Safety

Every 45 seconds, somewhere in America, a home catches fire. Once each hour, someone dies in a fire. Property damage? In the billions. Here's a quick review of ways to keep your home and family safer from fire!

Many home fires start in trash containers. Empty room wastebaskets frequently into covered containers and dispose of trash promptly. Never flick ashes into a wastebasket, or empty ashtrays there. When ashtrays fill, empty them into the toilet instead!

Flammable liquids can be useful. They can also be dangerous. Store paints, thinners, lighter fluids and glues in their original containers, tightly closed. Never store gasoline in the house. Dispose of rags soaked in flammable liquids at once.

How safe is your electric service? Have wiring checked periodically by an electrician to uncover hidden faults. You can solve obvious problems yourself. Eliminate multiple taps and wires running under rugs. If you always seem to be using extension cords, have an electrician add extra outlets instead. When fuses or circuit breakers pop, find out **why** before restoring power, and correct the problem.

Over half of all American homes have smoke detectors. Does yours? Install the first one in the hallway outside your sleeping area - add more if your home has multiple levels. Battery-powered detectors have advantages, but be sure you test the battery each month, and replace it if weak. (Some battery detectors have a distinctive second alarm to indicate battery failure.)

If you use your fireplace or wood stove, have chimneys cleaned at least once a year. If you use electric, kerosene or LPG space heaters, carefully follow manufacturer's directions on adjustments, type of fuel and distance from combustibles. Space heaters are illegal in some areas. Check with your fire department.

A fire-wise attitude - and a commitment to common sense - can improve your peace of mind and give your family added safety from fire. You're too smart to be a statistic. Prove that to yourself, and to the ones you love!

Winter Trees Course Set By Laughing Br.

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, is offering a two-session course, entitled "Winter Trees," for adults on Thursday, December 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Reservations are required by Monday, December 3rd.

"Winter Trees" will teach participants how to identify winter trees, using buds, bark, and silhouettes. The initial indoor session will cover identification basics. The field session will focus on identifying the trees of Laughing Brook and teach the historical and ecological significance of various species. For the all day Saturday session, bring a bag lunch and dress to spend most of the day outside.

Instructor for "Winter Trees" will be Joe Choiniere, former Property Manager at Laughing Brook for five years and now caretaker at Massachusetts Audubon's Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary in Princeton.

"Winter Trees" is open to all adults. For fees and more information, call Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

Junior Women's Club Plans Busy December

On Tuesday, November 20th, the Agawam Junior Women's Club shared an International Dinner with many women from the Agawam Women's Club. Dishes of Italian, Syrian, Chinese, Lebanese, and French cuisine were enjoyed by all. A Chinese auction allowed many women to take home handmade items crafted by the Agawam Juniors. A jewelry sale allowed many to do some early Christmas shopping. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

Other upcoming events include a morning cookie exchange on December 5th at the home of Rosalie Dialisi at 9:30 a.m., and an evening cookie exchange at the home of Mary Ellen Crisotti on December 17th. Each member will bake thirteen dozen cookies to be swapped and a small grab bag will be enjoyed.

On December 11th, members and their children will bring holiday gifts and cheer to the patients at the Hospice Center in West Springfield. Refreshments and touching moments will be shared.

On December 15th, the Agawam Juniors will welcome Mrs. Santa Claus to their annual Children's Christmas Party at 10:00 a.m. Each child will receive a gift from Mrs. Claus, participate in songs and games, and share some holiday refreshments.

Feeding Hills Womens Club Schedules December Meeting

The December meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, December 5th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Jean Boyd of Channel 57, Springfield's public broadcasting station, will be the guest speaker. Members are reminded to bring articles for the annual Christmas bazaar; mittens for the "Mitten Tree" to be donated to the Agawam Clearinghouse; and a gift for the gift exchange.

St. Anthony's Bingo Opening Delayed For One Week

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the St. Anthony's Maronite Church Bingo opening at the new hall has been delayed by one week. Plans are being finalized for the initial opening on December 11th.

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Agawam Obituaries

Dorothy M. Leary

Agawam: Dorothy M. (Fahey) Leary, 65, of 72 Alfred Circle, died Sunday, November 25th, at home. Born in Holyoke, she lived in this town most of her life, and was a communicant of St. Catherine of Sienna Church. She leaves three sisters, Theresa Williams of Middletown, New York, Margaret Bolding of Phoenix, Arizona, and Sister Joseph Denise of the Dominican Sisters, Goshen, New York. The funeral was Wednesday morning at T. P. Sampson Company Chapel of the Acres and in the church with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, all Springfield.

Ferdinand Maas

Agawam: Ferdinand Maas, 64, of 26 Haskel Street, retired 34-year employee of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corporation, East Hartford, Connecticut, died Friday, November 16th, in Mercy Hospital. He retired in 1983. A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was an Army sergeant in World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Dorcas M. Turner; a daughter, Susan Misialek of Westford; his mother, Frances (DeKouk) Clark of Fort Worth, Texas; a brother, William of Hayward, California; two sisters, Alida Bruneau of Sioux City, Iowa and Donna Rae Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas; and one grandchild. The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Ephraim Thyberg

Agawam: Ephraim S. Thyberg, 85, of 234 Maple Street, retired owner and operator of E. S. Thyberg Real Estate Office, Springfield, died Sunday, November 18th, in a local nursing home.

Thyberg helped to develop much of the Sixteen Acres section of Springfield, including the first shopping center there and the Woodland Avenue residential area.

He was president of the Springfield Board of Realtors in 1955 and 1956.

Thyberg was guest of honor at the Massachusetts Real Estate Association Board's Presidents Luncheon in 1955. He represented the local board at the annual Board Presidents Seminar in Washington, D.C. that same year.

A native and longtime resident of Springfield, he was a charter member and past president of the Sixteen Acres Lions Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruth Burger; a son, Alan of Feeding Hills; a stepson, Harry Rockefeller of Alexandria, Virginia; three stepdaughters, Nancy Lapon of Washington D.C., Lori Tevelov of Houston, Texas, and Ellen Drouin of Springfield; a brother, David of St. Petersburg, Florida; and a sister, Olga Thyberg of Agawam.

The private funeral was at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both Springfield. Donations may be made to the Sixteen Acres Lions Club.

Raymond E. Runnells

Agawam: Raymond E. Runnells, 73, of 340 South Street died Friday, November 23rd, in Holyoke Hospital. He was born in Los Angeles, California, and had been a resident of Agawam for 34 years. He was employed as a mechanic for the former Ralph D. Jones Co., retiring in 1976.

He leaves his wife, Lillian R. (Cross) Runnells; a brother, Fred Runnells, of Hartford; and a sister, Hazel Tyler of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam. Burial was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Helen J. Berryman

Agawam: Helen J. (Barnes) Berryman, 74, of 28 Grant Street, retired underwriter for area insurance companies, died Sunday, November 18th, in Noble Hospital, Westfield. Born in Decatur, New York, she lived in this town many years, and was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church.

She leaves a son, Richard R. of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren. The funeral was in the church with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Donations may be made to the church fund to feed the hungry.

Stanley E. Dominick

Stanley E. Dominick, 65, of 77 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, retired 19-year secretary-treasurer of Local No. 33 Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Food Handlers' Union of North American AFL-CIO, Springfield, died Monday, November 26th, in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit, Springfield.

Born in Holyoke, he lived in Agawam 33 years and retired in 1977.

He attended the High School of Commerce, Springfield, and Harvard University Business School in 1963 and graduated from the trade union program.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was executive vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 371, and the Springfield Pioneer Valley Labor Council; 12-year vice-president of Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the Massachusetts State Union Label and Trades Council, and chairman of the Committee on Political Education of the 30,000 member organization of Amalgamated Meat Cutters for District 6, Massachusetts, and all of New England.

He leaves his wife, the former Julianna Sadowski; his mother, Catherine (Shea) Callahan of Springfield; and brother, Ralph J. of Springfield.

The funeral, will be Friday morning, November 30th, at Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Hatfield.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Cathedral, handicapped ramp, in care of Rev. Richard Meehan, 260 State Street, Springfield, 01103.

Dominika Karakla-Kierkla

Agawam: Dominika (Bocwinski) Karakla-Kierkla, 97, of 683 South Westfield Street, died Saturday, November 24th, in a local nursing home. Born in Suchowola, Poland, she lived here 80 years. She was a charter member of St. Joseph's Church, its rosary guild, the Third Order of St. Francis and St. Joseph Society, all Suffield, Connecticut. She was a member of Polish Union of America.

She was the widow of Izidore Karakla. She leaves four sons, Edward, Wallace, and Francis Karakla, all of Feeding Hills and Clarence Karakla of Hazardville, Connecticut; three daughters, Valaria Zukowski, Bernice Sobinski, both of West Suffield, Connecticut, and Mrs. Frank Zera of Suffield, Connecticut; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at Windsor Locks (Connecticut) Funeral Home and in the church with burial in the parish cemetery, both Suffield.

Ernestine M. Hebert

Agawam: Ernestine M. (Laberge) Hebert, 91, of 84 Campbell Drive, widow of Edouard A. Hebert, died Friday, November 23rd, at home. He died in 1945.

She was born in Windsor Mills, Quebec, and lived in Agawam 13 years. She was a communicant of St. Louis de France Church of West Springfield, and member of Circle Social of St. Joseph, and the Dames Ste. Anne of the church. She leaves two daughters, Dorothy Waterman of Agawam, and Theresa Sikes of Suffield, Connecticut; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday morning at Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Mary P. Morgan

Agawam: Mary P. (Penxa) Morgan, 71, of 12 Parker Street, retired 20-year Buxton Corporation clerk, died Monday, November 19th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. She retired in 1974. Born in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, she lived in Springfield and in this town 30 years.

She leaves her husband, William V. Morgan; a son, William J. of West Springfield; a brother, Joseph; three sisters, Anna Gregory, Katherine Penxa and Irene Kuhen, all of Pennsylvania; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield 01089.

Harold O. Haglund

Agawam: Harold O. Haglund, 77, of 15 Spencer Street, retired 15-year postal clerk in Springfield, died Friday, November 23rd, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Previously, he worked 25 years for the old Westinghouse Electric Company, Springfield. He lived here more than 30 years. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, a member of American Legion Post 430, Springfield, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Springfield, the Golden Age Club, and Vasa Order.

He leaves his wife, the former Martha Pintelli; and a sister, Hilda Nilson of Longmeadow. The funeral was Tuesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Donations may be made to the church or the American Heart Association.

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Agawam Baptist Church Annual Holiday Bazaar



MRS. STEPHEN ALLEN, of 62 Center Street, Agawam, and Helen Kane of 58 Hanover Street, West Springfield, look over assortment of handmade items at the annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Agawam Baptist Church in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DOLLY LUKAS & LYNDAL DALLAPEGORARA at a table of Christmas ornaments and decorations at Agawam Baptist Church Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MIKKI'S KITCHEN

By Michele Blair Pisano



Indians planted stringbeans along with the corn crops. Corn, wheat and cotton deplete the land of its natural nitrogen. Bean plants replace this loss naturally. Only lately have non-Indian farmers learned to do this.

Recipe For Play Dough

I received a very pretty note card last week from Irene Spring of Yale Avenue, Feeding Hills. When opened, I was pleasantly surprised to find a most unique recipe for Play Dough. Yes, Play Dough!

This was really great, because as Irene mentioned, it won't be long before bad weather sets in, the children will be home from school asking the inevitable question, "Mom, I'm bored. What's there to do?"

Irene also made note that this form of Play Dough is safe if ingested by children or pets and will clean up with soap and water. Thanks Irene, and I'm sure many of our readers will be trying this "recipe" soon.

Play Dough

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
4 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 tablespoon oil
2 cups water
food coloring

Mix all ingredients in pan on low to medium heat while stirring constantly until firm. Add desired food coloring and let cool. Store in refrigerator in plastic bag and it will keep for months.

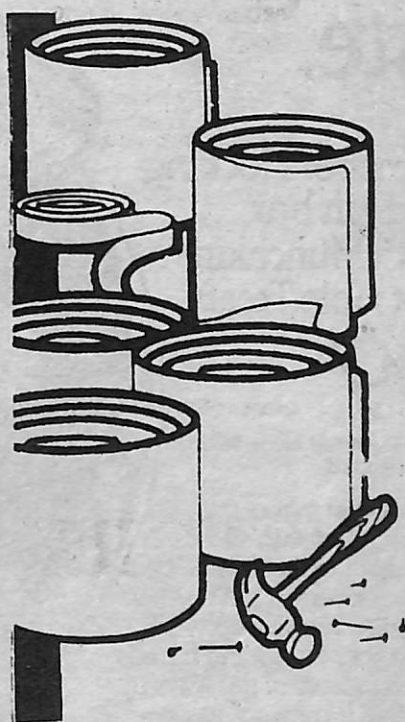
Recently I have had several people ask me for recipes that have appeared in this column and they have mislaid for various reasons.

If you have such a recipe in mind, or I can help you locate a missing recipe, drop me a line and I'll do my best to help you locate it.

Please send your recipe or request to Mikki at 39 Norris Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.



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Editorial



A Timmy Sunstrom Fundraiser

To The Editor:

It was during the first week in November, 1983, that Timmy Sunstrom was diagnosed as having leukemia. Just a year.

Timmy, as of now, still must undergo the discomfort and illness that accompany chemotherapy. His very real courage and intestinal fortitude keep him active and interested in life. His family, Sue and Tim Herlihy and brother Tommy, plus his dad, Gordon, have accepted the fact that his recovery is a long term deal, and manage as best they can the change in their lifestyles.

The Timmy Fund Committee, aware of the fact that numerous medical bills have reduced the Fund, feel that now would be an appropriate time to sponsor another fundraiser.

Thanks to the lovely cooperation of the Agawam Rollaway management, we plan to run another "Skate-a-thon." The date has been set for December 6th. The event will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at a per person cost of \$2.25.

As a special drawing card, a cabbage patch doll will be raffled off during the affair. We hope and pray that the response will be as excellent as the last "Skate." The people of Agawam have in the past shown great compassion for Timmy, and we pray that they will respond again.

We read the lovely article by Mr. Dick Morassi, responding to those who were so generous to his son, during the short and sad time that he suffered with cancer. Our hearts went out to the Morassis in their great loss. As he suggested in his warm article, living with so great a tragedy was more bearable knowing that so many others really cared.

**The Timmy Fund Committee
Dick Mullaly-Chairman**

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Hampden Division**

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described. A petition has been presented to said Court by DENISE JANE TETREULT, of Agawam, in said County, praying that her names may be changed as follows: DENISE JANE TETREULT to DENISE JAMES MEYERS.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of December, 1984, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this thirteenth day of November, 1984.

John P. O'Brien, Register of Probate
Published: November 29th, 1984

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of J.E.S. DEVELOPMENT CORP., who is seeking relief from the Board of Appeals Decision 882 to allow the construction of a commercial building on property identified as next to 655 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: November 29th, 1984

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1984 at 7:30 o'clock, to all parties, interested in the appeal of ROBERTA & STEWART HILLIOS who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 31 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a duplex residence on a lot with less than the required side lot clearances identified as 152-154 WALNUT STREET.

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By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Published: November 29th, 1984

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Hampden Division**

NOTICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP

TO all persons interested in ARMAND A. BACHAND, of Agawam, in said County an incompetent person. A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that DORRIS T. BACHAND, of said Agawam, or some other suitable person be appointed conservator of the property of said ARMAND A. BACHAND.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield on or before December 18th, 1984.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty four.

John P. O'Brien, Register of Probate
Published: November 29th, 1984

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN DIV. PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPT.**

To all persons interested in a petition for adoption of CHRISTY ANN PICKTON, of Agawam, in said County.

A petition has been presented to said Court by RICHARD A. COOK, and CHRISTINA C. COOK, his wife, of said Agawam, praying for leave to adopt said CHRISTY ANN PICKTON, a child of JOHN M. PICKTON of Manchester, in the state of Connecticut, and CHRISTINA C. COOK, his former wife, and that the name of said child be changed to CHRISTY ANN COOK.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-first day of December, 1984, the return day of this citation.

Witness, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this nineteenth day of November, 1984.

John P. O'Brien, Register of Probate and Family Court Dept.
Published: November 29th, 1984

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Hampden Division**

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described. A petition has been presented to said Court by DANA MARINA BEAULAC otherwise DANA M. BEAULAC of Agawam, in said County, praying that her names may be changed as follows: DANA MARINA BEAULAC otherwise DANA M. BEAULAC to DANA MARINA MICHAELS.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-first day of December, 1984, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this nineteenth day of November, 1984.

John P. O'Brien, Register of Probate
Published: November 29th, 1984

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of RODERIC H. & GERTRUDE A. LIGHT who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 24 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of a detached garage with less than the required side lot clearance on the premises known as 1054 SHOEMAKER LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: November 29th, 1984

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AGAWAM WEAVING HOBBYIST Sylvia Deliso of River Road gives Clark School fourth graders a lesson in using a loom as part of the learning unit on the Desert Indians. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Desert Indians On Clark 4th Grade Agenda

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Fourth grade students of Marjorie Greenough at James Clark School recently concluded a social studies unit which focused on the lives of our country's early inhabitants - the Desert Indians.

Under the direction of Springfield College student teacher Susan Samuelson, the students not only learned the fundamentals of Indian life, but also established pen pals with Navajo children living on a reservation in Arizona.

Students Corresponding With Navajo Children

Miss Samuelson explains that for the past month, her pupils have been corresponding with those of Annette Aragon at the reservation school in Fort Defiance.

She points out that her idea for an Indian unit derived from her desire to help make social studies "come alive" for students.

"I wanted to take book work and make it real for children. The unit allowed them to learn about real people who live in a place completely different than their own," states Ms. Samuelson.

The ambitious student teacher says that her pupils helped design the unit by listing the things they wanted to know most about Indians. Eventually, through research and correspondence, all their questions were answered, she notes.

Miss Samuelson explains that her former social studies teacher, who had previously lived on an Indian reservation, arranged for Miss Aragon's class to become pen pals with hers.

The children, who have exchanged four letters to date, will be writing to their Navajo pen pals twice

more before Christmas.

According to Miss Samuelson, the fourth graders have discovered that Indian children are very sensitive and caring.

"The children have learned that their pen pals lead similar lives to their own and are not merely dressed in loin cloths and shooting bows and arrows," she remarks.

Besides their correspondence, the students of room 13 have created looms from old book covers and woven brightly colored placemats.

The youngsters also had an opportunity to try their skill on a real loom courtesy of weaving hobbyist Sylvia Deliso of River Road who visited their classroom.

Moreover, a Desert Indian display was assembled by the fourth graders for the school showcase. Some of the items displayed included Indian jewelry, sand paintings, maps, rattlesnake tails, Indian legends, and a class poem describing what was learned from the unit.

The industrious students also created a diorama of a typical Indian reservation.

Both teachers believe that the unit has been very successful and worthwhile.

"The children have had a super time studying about Desert Indians. I wanted to do something with them that they would always cherish about fourth grade. Establishing Navajo pen pals was an added bonus," declares Miss Samuelson.

"The students have learned a great deal about how Indians lived in the past and how they continue to contribute to our country's future," adds Ms. Greenough.

Lunch Menu December 3rd - 7th

Monday, December 3rd: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, mustard, relish, ketchup, buttered mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Tuesday, December 4th: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, December 5th: Meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, carrot slices, buttered Italian bread, petite banana, milk.

Thursday, December 6th: Chicken soup, baked chicken nuggets, buttered peas and carrots, mayonnaise, honeydip, bread and butter, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Friday, December 7th: Shepherds pie with whipped potatoes and corn, buttered wheat bread and butter, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Agawam High Guidance Invites Parents To Financial Aid Night

The Agawam High School Guidance Department cordially invites parents to their College Financial Aid Night which will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, financial aid director at American International College. Dr. Sirois will give an overview of the different kinds of aid available to entering college freshmen, and he will explain the F.A.F. (financial aid form) in detail.

As you probably know, a student will not receive financial aid from an institution of higher learning unless he/she has filed an F.A.F. for that institution.

The high school guidance department hopes parents attend this very informative evening. The meeting will last about two hours.

Junior High Slates Open House Dec. 3rd & 4th

Open House at the Junior High School will be held on Monday, December 3rd for names beginning with A - L, and Tuesday, December 4th, for names beginning with M - Z.

Parents will sign in for appointments. All parents are requested to attend.

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Alumni Band-Colorguard Seek Raise Funds For New Agawam High Uniforms

The recently formed Agawam High School Band and Colorguard Alumni Committee is conducting a fundraiser for "New Uniforms" for the Agawam Marching Mohawks and Colorguard.

In the near future, former band and colorguard members will be contacted for a donation toward the "New Uniform Fund." This fundraiser has been established in order to outfit the entire band and colorguard. The style of the present uniform dates back to 1955. It's time to outfit the award-winning marching band in an up-to-date uniform. The cost to do this is \$8,000.

If you are a former band member and wish to make a contribution to the "New Uniform Fund," please contact: Ann Twarog (786-6105) or Dee Ziegert (786-9443).

A Band-a-Thon will be held in February to raise additional funds for uniforms. Band members will be canvassing the town for sponsors for this event. Watch for notices for the upcoming Band-a-Thon.

Anyone interested in making a tax-free contribution may make a check payable to: Agawam Marching Mohawks Alumni Association and mail it to: Barbara Connery, 84 Robin Ridge Road, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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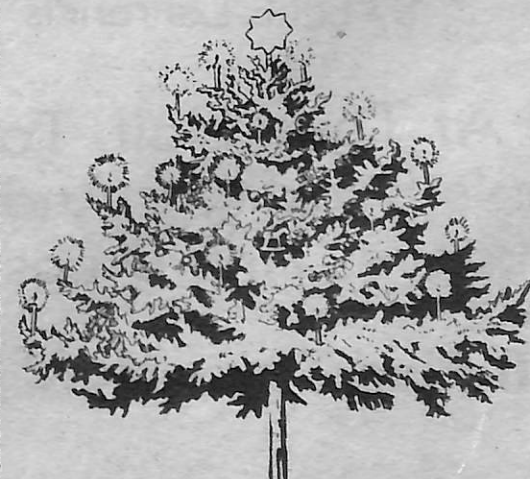
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Middle School Pupils Attend Poe/Irving Theatre Production

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

The Raven and *Rip Van Winkle* were just two of the renowned works of authors Edgar Allen Poe and Washington Irving, respectively, that the Agawam Middle School students viewed during the "Poe/Irving" theatrical production held at Springfield Symphony Hall, November 26th.

Two hundred and fifty-six seventh grade students of English teachers Dennis Moran, Evelyn Lester, and Anthony Sibilia traveled to the newly refurbished downtown auditorium where they watched the early-morning, education-oriented program.

Performed by the Chamber Repertory Theatre of Boston, the arts program is presented annually for the benefit of local Springfield area school groups.

Trip coordinator Dennis Moran points out that Agawam Middle School students have been attending these professional theatrical productions for the past five years.

Besides its entertainment value, Moran notes that the Poe/Irving production also benefits students by introducing them to several classic stories written by the aforementioned authors.

Moran explains that the annual performance is many students' initial introduction to professional live theater, which encompasses costume and set design, as well as visual and sound effects.

Moreover, Moran says that students seem to relate much more easily to both authors after witnessing a live performance in which actors skillfully recreate familiar literary works.

"We believe the entire theatrical production is a very worthwhile and enjoyable experience for the students, one which we hope to continue in the future," he states.

Jr. High Musicians



BARBARA MOREAU (on violin), Jeff Mackechnie (saxophone) and Maryann Grimaldi (clarinet) are Agawam Junior High ninth graders who were recently named to the All Western Mass. band. This talented trio joined students from Agawam High School to be named to the prestigious honor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Grade 5: Michael Beltrandi, Leslie Bennett, Tanya Normandin.

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FOURTH HONORS

Grade 8: Kevin Camyre, Kristen Wright.
Grade 7: James Har- nois, Heather Kendall.
Grade 6: Karen Rossetti.
Grade 5: Dennis Egan, Jon-Paul Rodier.



STUDENTS OF AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL teachers Dennis Moran, Evelyn Lester, and Anthony Sibilia traveled to the newly refurbished Springfield Symphony Hall where they watched the early-morning, education-oriented program of *The Raven* and *Rip Van Winkle*. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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High School Honor Roll

Grade 12

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Grade 11

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Santa's Little Helpers



STUDENTS DAWN MILANO & TARA MANCHESTER select miniature dolls of Santa and Mrs. Claus at the holiday bazaar put on recently by the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A humpback whale often covers more than 4,000 miles in a single year.

Don't Miss The Next TIMMY SKATE

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Thanksgiving A Treat For AFS Students Dumon, Miss Rojas

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

What would Thanksgiving Day be without turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, parades, and football?

The traditional fare and activities were new experiences, however, for American Field Service students Charles Dumon of France and Mayra Rojas of Venezuela as they celebrated their first Thanksgiving holiday in this country as guests of their local host families.

Uniquely American, our nation's traditional day for giving thanks was unfamiliar to both students until their host families explained the holiday's origins to them.

Charles, who is being hosted by the John and Sandi Bryant family of North Street in Feeding Hills, enjoyed his first Thanksgiving feast as prepared by "dad" John.

Since "mom" Sandi had to work most of the day, the task of cooking a 22-pound turkey was tackled by Mr. Bryant who also prepared the remainder of the meal.

Charles says that he liked all the traditional foods which were served, especially the turkey drumstick.

The French teenager, who spent the morning watching the televised annual parades, relates that giant balloons are also very popular in his homeland.

Instead of spending the afternoon watching rival-matched football teams, Charles and the Bryants enjoyed conversing with friends and relatives who stopped by to visit.

Charles explains that most holidays are celebrated with feasts in France, especially Christmas and Easter.

A typical Christmas dinner includes turkey with chestnut stuffing, potatoes, bread, wine, and lots of chocolate.

He notes that Christmas is a time for family reunions and family members always return home to be together to celebrate the holiday.

Charles points out that New Year's Day, however, is celebrated with friends and a flurry of parties.

Mayra, who is being hosted by the Claude and Marilyn Talbot family of Silver Street, echoed her fellow exchange student's sentiments and states that she enjoyed her first Thanksgiving dinner very much.

"Thanksgiving is beautiful. Everyone is together and it's very nice," she remarked.

Although everything "mom" Marilyn prepared was delicious, Mayra says she particularly enjoyed the turkey, cheesecake, and pumpkin pie.

Besides the immediate family, a special guest at the Talbot dinner table was their 87-year-old grandmother Alfreda Paradis, who the Venezuelan teenager was pleased to meet.

Mayra points out that when not busy helping "mom" in the kitchen, she watched the televised parades. She was surprised by the parade's giant balloons, which are only seen in Venezuela during Mardi Gras.

The amicable young lady also enjoyed watching the televised lighting of the Christmas lights at Constitution Plaza in Hartford later Thanksgiving evening.

Mayra cites that, like France, there is no special day put aside in her homeland which is celebrated with a feast. The only comparable time is Christmas, at which a traditional meal is served and the day spent with family and friends.

According to her, the main staple is a dish called Hallacas. Foods also served include ham, chicken, salads, and a variety of cakes.

Both host families readily agreed that having the A.F.S. students as part of their families this Thanksgiving helped to make the holiday more special and pleasurable for everyone.

Cheerleaders Out In Force For Brownies



SCREAMS OF SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT could be heard over and over again from the Agawam High varsity cheerleaders during Agawam's 23-6 victory over West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day. Back row, from left - Chris Barber, Abbie Sheehan, Mona LeClair, Michelle Montessi, Kelly Clarke, Tanya Hart, and Sharon Kiddy. Front row - Kathy Jemiolo, Karen Daborowski, Kellie O'Donnell, Lora Kiddy, Gina Dielessi, Linda Cosby, and Chris Colagiovanni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity cheerleaders were also out at the Turkey Day game to support the Agawam Brownies to victory. Back row, from left - Jennifer Brantley, Barb St. Onge, Michelle Blanchard, Dawn Donatini, Joanne Canty, Carrie Viens, Amy Golemo, and Bridget Crean. Front row - Jane Barrett, Gina Falleti, Dawn Jakuboski, Rose Stack, and Nancy Merchant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Big Night For AHS Class of 1974



COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1974 reunion held last Friday, November 23rd, at Sheraton West, were, from left - Donna Lund Bodurtha, Richard Sardella, Michael Bodurtha, Michael Walsh, Cheryl Hadden Flemming, and Laura Kibbe Moran. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THIS MOTLEY GROUP waiting for the dinner bell to ring are 1974 classmates, from left - Dean Mercadante, Ted Kopyscinski, Shawn Sullivan, and Peter Longhi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SEVERAL OF THE INVITED GUESTS at the 1974 10-year reunion included Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Sheehan (advisor) and Mrs. Joseph Modzelewski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH Class of 1974 classmates and guests at the 10-year reunion Friday, November 23rd. From left - Karen White, Jerry White, Lori Granger, Lydia Dyamond, Lori Baran, Larry Baran. Standing is Mark "Bugsy" Manna. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OVER IN THE CORNER these AHS 1974 classmates pose for a Jack Devine photo. From left - Sharon Waskiewicz, Tom Lucia, Corry Lucia, Mike Colson, Pam Colson, Cindy Bouley, Jim Bouley, and Keith Woyshnis, who came all the way from California to join his friends and classmates. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

200 Attend Gala Function Nov. 23rd

The Agawam High School Class of 1974 held its 10-year reunion at Sheraton West on Riverdale Road in West Springfield on Friday, November 23rd.

Two hundred classmates and guests gathered to celebrate the event. Invited guests included Mrs. & Mrs. Larry Sheehan, the class advisor; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Modzelewski and Mr. & Mrs. Howard Murphy both men are longtime physical education teachers at AHS and are well remembered by the class.

Classmates came as far away from California, Las Vegas, and Colorado, and North Dakota to attend. State Representative Michael Walsh, voted by his classmates in 1974 as "Most Likely To Succeed," was master of ceremonies for the reunion. Many classmates said it took Walsh over 8 years after leaving AHS to qualify as "Most Likely To Succeed" but Walsh said he could not remember those years before he became state representative anyway, therefore the award was deserved.



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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

Supergirl Is Just Plain Garbage!

When they made *Superman* and *Superman II*, producers Alexander and Ilya Salkind blended action-packed adventure with warm humor and tender romance, when they made *Superman III*, these moviemakers abandoned their tried and true formula and came up with a clownish yarn that showcased Richard Pryor's worst film performance to date.

However, the shoddiness of *Superman III* is way better than the rock-bottom quality of *Supergirl*, the Salkinds' latest attempt at putting a comic-book character on the silver screen.

This film begins in Argo City, a chunk of rock that was once a part of the planet Krypton (which exploded in the first *Superman* picture) and is powered by two jeweled, baseball-size objects called omegahedrons. Unfortunately, disaster looms over the city when, in a clumsy accident, one of the omegahedrons is ejected into space.

After this power source lands on the planet Earth, it falls into the hands of Madame Selena (Faye Dunaway), a fortune teller who wishes that she was a sorceress. With the omegahedron in her possession, she makes her wish come true and intends to use witchcraft to take over the world.

However, a young woman from Argo City stands in the way of Selena's plan. She's Kara (Helen Slater), cousin of Superman and able to perform the same extraordinary feats that he can.

Donning a red and blue costume which resembles that of her cousin's, she becomes Supergirl and tries to wrest the omegahedron from Selena before Argo City is destroyed by its loss of power.

Reeks Of Bad Filmmaking

Once its opening credits are finished, *Supergirl* reeks of bad filmmaking. It is ineptly directed Jeannot Szwarc (*Somewhere in Time*), has a dull musical score by Jerry Goldsmith (*Star Trek - The Motion Picture*), and has special effects which aren't in the least bit impressive. Furthermore, David Odell's (*The Dark Crystal*) script tells a tale that is paper-thin at best and lacks detail.

For example, we learn that the Supergirl is related to Superman, but we don't learn anything about the history of Argo City. When I said that the city was part of Krypton during my discussion of the plot, I was able to give this information because I'm somewhat familiar with the *Supergirl* comic books; the film, however, doesn't make any reference to Argo City's background.

Thus, people who have no knowledge of Supergirl's story might leave the theater with the following questions in mind: How can Supergirl be Superman's cousin if his home planet no longer exists? Where does Argo

City come from? Was it part of Krypton? If it was, how did it survive while the rest of the planet was destroyed?

The worst thing about *Supergirl*, however, is that it's done in by too much slapstick humor and a lackluster plot. This deadly combination of flaws was the downfall of *Superman III*, and the end product was a movie that was too boring for children and too silly for adults. But in *Supergirl*, this problem is even worse.

Some of this film's ridiculousness is evident in isolated scenes. For instance, when the omegahedron lands on Earth, it interrupts an outdoor picnic between Selena and a male friend (Peter Cook) by plopping into a bowl of dip. On the whole, however, the incessant buffoonery lies with the personality of the villainess.

Since she's never truly sinister for a single moment, Selena can't be taken seriously. She's a middle-aged spoiled brat, and her laughable behavior and speech represent the kind of sorceress you'd expect to see on reruns of *Bewitched*. Because of Selena's foolish traits, the climactic scenes between Supergirl and her aren't genuinely dramatic or suspenseful.

At times, the title character herself is more of a comical figure than a serious one. Thanks to the poorly written script, Supergirl is put into some unintentionally hilarious situations, including a corny, puppy-love relationship with a young man (Hart Bochner). Though the scenes which display her superhuman abilities make her a strong character and give her respect, the humorous moments are greater in number and make a more lasting impression.

Considering the film's performances, three actors should make public apologies for their shameless overacting. Dunaway, Brenda Vaccaro (in the role of Selena's henchwoman), and Peter O'Toole (as the creator of Argo City) try to steal the show from their fellow performers whenever they have dialogue to say, and their unending mugging at the camera makes for some of this year's most deplorable cinematic moments.

Slater Makes Memorable Debut

Fortunately, newcomer Slater makes a memorable movie debut as Supergirl. This young actress turns her character into a charming and winsome heroine, and she acquits herself like a Hollywood pro throughout this film's worst scenes. Slater's performance doesn't measure up to Christopher Reeve's three-time portrayal of Superman, but it proves that she has the talent to be a first-rate performer.

Supergirl is living proof that the filmmaking team of Alexander and Ilya Salkind should stop producing silver screen adventures about superheroes. *Superman III* was a disappointing picture, but this movie will probably live long in the memories of bad film fanatics everywhere. In fact, if it wasn't for Slater's fine portrayal of the title character, I would have considered *Supergirl* for the dishonorable title of Number One Bad Movie of 1984.

Rating: 0 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Supergirl is rated PG, but it's suitable for people of all ages.

Willie Ross To Host Professional Theatre Group

Willie Ross School For The Deaf will host a performance by Sunshine Too, a professional theatre company of deaf and hearing actors, on Tuesday, December 4th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Glen Brook Middle School, 195 Avondale Road, Longmeadow.

"Sunshine Too" is an outreach program of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester (New York) Institute of Technology (RIT). The group tours the United States each year presenting programs to deaf and hearing audiences at public schools, colleges, schools for the deaf, community centers, and civic clubs.

The talented troupe includes three deaf and three hearing performers, each with a strong background in the arts and deafness. All performances are presented in both sign language and voice, and are specifically adapted for each audience.

Through a variety of skits, songs, poetry, sign-mime, storytelling, and scenes from plays and real life, the troupe brings a better understanding of deafness to audiences everywhere. The performances serve to stimulate new ideas for deaf and hearing interaction as well as to increase the awareness of the potential of hearing-impaired people.

Hearing audiences have the opportunity to experience the beauty of sign language while gaining insights into the world of deafness. At the same time, deaf audiences enjoy an accessible production performed in American Sign Language. Sunshine Too members serve as positive role models for deaf and hearing youngsters of all ages.

Since 1980, the group has given more than 2,600 performances and workshops for more than 300,000 people in 45 states and Canada.

Marching Mohawks Take Two Awards At Quincy

On Sunday, November 25th, the Quincy Christmas Parade was host to the official Massachusetts Parade Championship and the New England Band Parade Championship. A field of 30 select bands, whose expenses were paid to attend the parade, covered a four mile parade route that was completely packed with people for the entire length.

Agawam High School's Marching Mohawks took fourth place in both the state and New England events which were won by the bands from East Bridgewater, Somerville and Dedham high schools.

Five of the bands in attendance were in the large band class. This event was won by New Bedford High School along with an invitation to attend the Cotton Bowl and the Presidential Inauguration Parade.

In the Small Band Class of bands (up to 70 musicians), Andover High School placed fifth, one-tenth of a point behind Agawam. The following schools also received good scores: Portsmouth (Rhode Island), Putnam (Connecticut), Norton, Bishop Sheehan, Haverhill, Chicopee, Whitman Hanson, Chicopee Comp, North Quincy, Douglas, Milton, Quincy, Holbrook, and Hopedale.

The weather was exceedingly good for late November and crowd numbers were put at over 300,000 for the parade which has been billed as the largest Christmas Parade in the East.

Victorian Holiday Celebration Slated For Springfield Museum

Swags of evergreens; trees lit with candles and strings of popcorn; tin and molded-wax ornaments and tinsel were all part of Victorian holiday decorations.

Mariann Curling, museum coordinator of the Mark Twain Memorial Museum, will offer an intimate view of one Victorian family's Christmas traditions on Sunday, December 9th, at 3:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield.

By the mid-19th century, Christmas festivities began to focus around children. Santa Claus began bringing small presents and children's parties were arranged with games and puppet or magic shows. Some of Samuel Clemens' happiest times with his family were spent in his Hartford home during the years 1881 to 1896.

Discover how the Clemens' decorated their stylish Victorian Gothic home for the holidays and learn some of the quirky customs they developed to celebrate Christmas.

Marianne Curling joined the staff of the Mark Twain Memorial Museum in 1984 as Museum Coordinator. She received a B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia and an M.A. from Cooperstown Graduate Program, New York. While a student at Cooperstown, she served an internship at the 1890 House in Cortland, New York.

The cost of the program is \$1.50 and \$1.00 for "Friends of the Quadrangle." Collector's Corner is held the second Sunday of every month. For more information contact the museum at 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities and the Institute of Museum Services. The historical museum is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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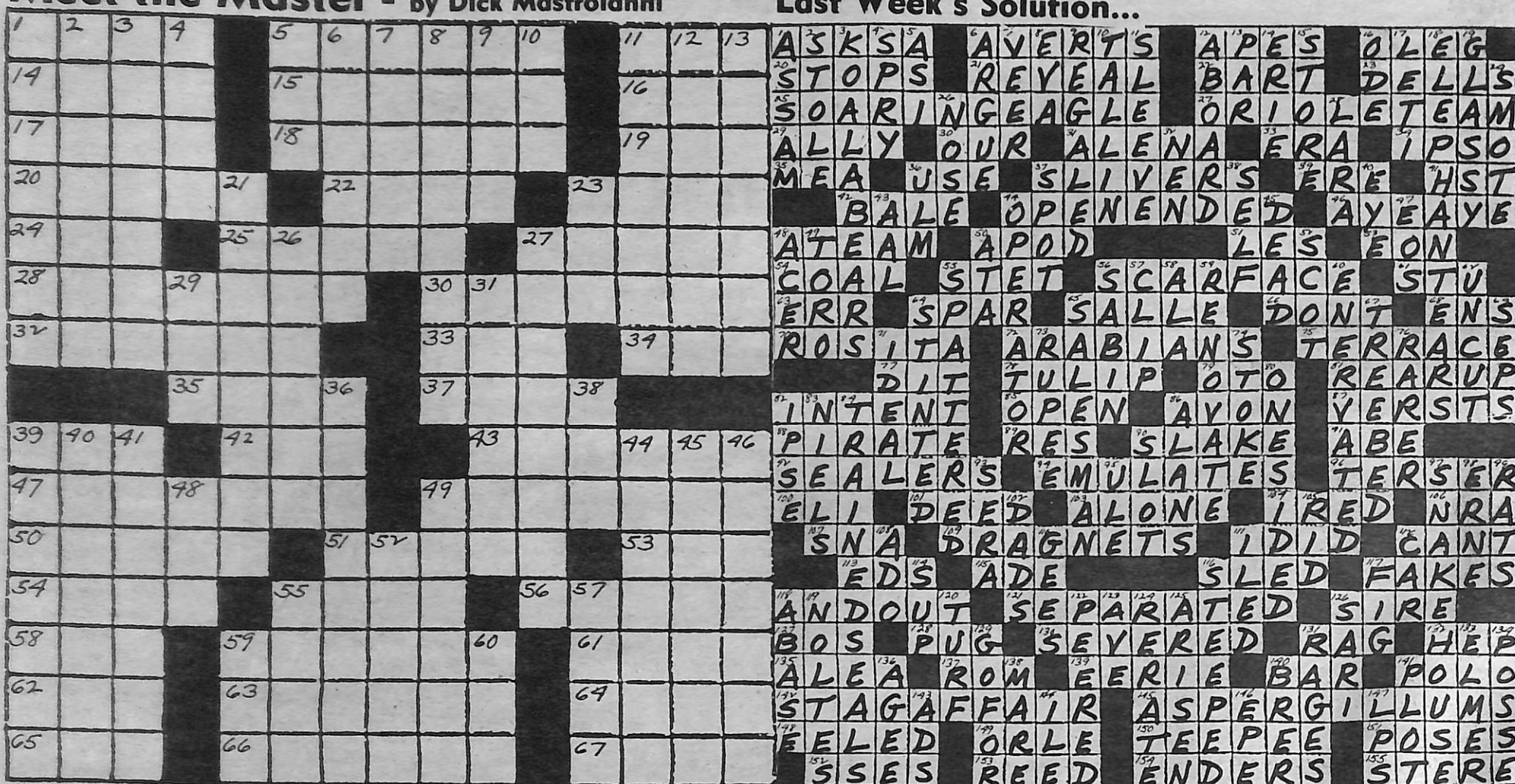
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27. Habitation
28. Big band horn
30. Forager
32. Sowed
33. Ms. Arden
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35. Sister of Ares
37. Actor Bruce
39. Turkish officer
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43. Smoke
47. Altercation of sorts
49. Pinnacle
50. Pineal
51. Beelzebub associate
53. Noun suffix
54. Sheep
55. Band instrument
56. USSR moslem
58. Scratch
59. Make an accounting

61. Ring or turtle
62. Mark follower
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12. Hindered
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38. Born
39. Imprecate upon
40. Treats
41. Tropical American dye tree
44. Compendium
45. Butcher's tool
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49. Looks intently
52. Over
55. Tissue
57. Troubles
59. — de veau
60. Make lace

Operation Friendship Plans Christmas Bazaar And Supper

The Operation Friendship of America, a cultural exchange group will hold a roast beef supper and Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 8th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. For reservations for the supper call 786-1822 or 786-5061. The bazaar will be held at the same time.

The proceeds will be used to help host the group coming from overseas this summer. They stay for three weeks with families in the area.

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dent Great Horned Owl.

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December 23rd: "Trim-A-Tree For The Birds" - Help create wild edible treats to serve our feathered friends who brave new England's winter, and then help hang the treats on a tree outside.

Participants should dress for the weather. All sessions will include some time outdoors.

"Sunday Afternoon For Families" is open to the public. These programs are free with regular Sanctuary admission. For more information, contact Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

Hi-Lighters Plan Dance At Valley Community Church

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Friday, December 14th, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

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Sports

Brownies Feast On Terriers

**Wing Leads AHS
To Convincing, 23-6
Decision Before 4,000**

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In perhaps their best combined offensive and defensive performance in three years, the Agawam High football Brownies outclassed archrival West Springfield, 23-6 on a sunny Thanksgiving Day at Clark Field before more than 4,000 fans.

The victory not only upped the Brownies' series lead between the two schools to 39-16-4 (dating back to 1924), it also gave them their first AA Conference win (1-6, 2-8 overall). The Terriers remained winless in the AA (0-7, 3-7) and were saddled with last place for the second consecutive year.

"I am very proud of the way these kids played today," said an excited coach Carl Supino. "It was especially great for the seniors. They worked very hard for this win. We definitely outplayed West Side today."

Senior halfback Bob Wing finished off his high school gridiron career in style as he dominated the game. Wing scored two touchdowns (one off an interception), recorded a two-point safety, and played "hit-man" on the inspired defensive unit.

"It felt great to end my football career at Agawam this way," Wing would say afterwards. "We were all pretty psyched up for this game and it showed in the way we played," added an elated Wing.

The Brownies' opening drive was indicative of their superior play as they drove 93 yards, consumed 9:35 off the clock and topped it off with a touchdown.

Wing led the long drive with eight carries good for 43 yards (120 total yards for a seasonal mark of 1,146). The payday came on a 17-yard strike from QB Peter Saracino to Wing, who was all alone in the right corner of the endzone. Nick Carra's extra point gave the locals a 7-0 edge.

Carra then kicked off and the ball rolled untouched to the one-yard line where a Terrier fell on the ball. On the first play QB Kris Doeringer pitched the ball to sophomore halfback Jamie Shankle. He never had a chance. An alert Wing came up from his defensive position, penetrated the line, and nailed Shankle in the endzone for a two-point safety.

The quarter ended with Agawam on top, 9-0.

West Side's problems continued on their second possession which began at their own 21-yard line. On the fifth play Wing jumped in front of West Side wide receiver John McCormick and picked off a Doeringer pass and then sprinted 25 yards for the score (11:26).

This was almost an instant replay of last season's game-winning interception where Wing returned a theft 28 yards to seal Agawam's 18-7 1983 victory. This time Wing just about sealed the Brownies' win as Carra's extra point pushed AHS out front, 16-0.

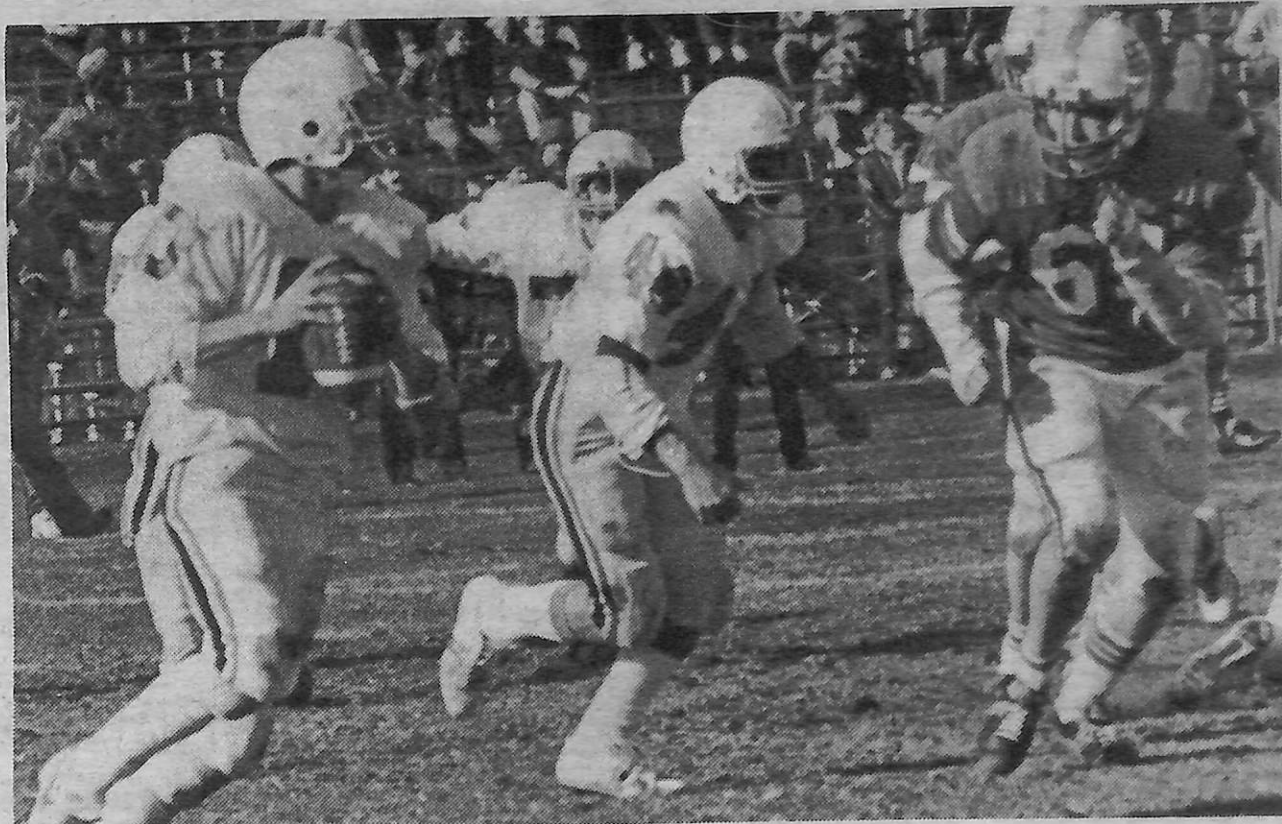
It wasn't until the second half that the Terriers sustained any type of offense. They took the kickoff from their own 33 and proceeded to march downfield with the aid of Shankle's running and McCormick's pass receptions.

Facing a fourth and nine situation, Doeringer unloaded a 12-yard pass to Chris Lavertue at 5:40 for their only score. The two-point attempt failed.

Successful long drives were the order of the day for Agawam, something that eluded them during a frustrating season. They stormed upfield 92 yards to completely put it away midway through the final period.

Junior fullback Ken Berard led this assault and capped it off with a bruising, three-yard run at 7:40 of the fourth quarter. Carra, just a sophomore, ended game scoring with his third extra point.

Defensively for the Brownies, Al Ingham, Tony Moccio, Bob Altobelli, and Ken Butt, as well as Wing, played fine games.



JUNIOR QUARTERBACK PETER SARACINO (with ball) has good protection during first period action on Thanksgiving Day vs. West Springfield. Ken Berard (44) leads the blocking.

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BOBBY WING was all over the place in Agawam's 23-6 victory on Thanksgiving Day and here he races for a good gain after following the lead block of Mike Daponte (20). Advertiser

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Marching Mohawks Support AHS Brownies...



JUST BEFORE THE START OF the traditional Thanksgiving Day clash between Agawam and West Springfield high schools, AHS colorguard members Dena Pandolfi (left) and Lisa Ghidoni (right) snuggle-up to 22-month Katie Dineen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BIG CHIEF DAVID ANDRY of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks is sitting pretty with Gina DeChristopher (left) and Kathy Smith at the Thanksgiving Day clash between the Brownies and Terriers. Advertiser news photo by Jack Devine.

"I was disappointed with the season..." - Supino

Future Some Consolation For AHS Football

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

If the Agawam High varsity football Brownies had pieced together an on-the-move offense with a brickwall defense in their first nine games of the season, like they did in their Thanksgiving Day victory over West Springfield, then the season of 2-8 overall and 1-6 in the AA Conference might have been much better.

Of course, that's easier said than done when facing such opponents as Minnechaug, Classical, and Comp.

Coach Carl Supino told us this week he fully intends on returning to the AHS ranks when training camp breaks next August and he hopes 1985 will bring better times for Brownie football.

Take A Small Step

Compared to 1983 (a 1-9 record), the Brownies appeared to take one small step in the right direction this year. They were a better team this season but let's face reality, they absorbed more than their share of being laid out and bashed over the past 13 weeks.

With the West Side victory last week and a win over Amherst in game two being the highlights, the low points were perhaps best summed up when Cathedral High came to Harmon Smith Field on Saturday.

November 10th, and demolished AHS, 28-0. Supino was all praise for his troops after the convincing, 23-6 win over West Side, but said this about the 1984 season, "I'd be lying if I didn't say I was disappointed with the season. We should've won against Ludlow and Holyoke. A few breaks and we could have been near .500."

The breaks seemed to be next to nil for AHS, just as they've been over the past three seasons (combined total of four wins). For example - in the seasonal opener vs. Ludlow, the locals sprinted-out to a 14-7 lead only to eventually fall due to costly turnovers.

Another painful loss came to Holyoke (34-27). With a seemingly comfortable lead with three minutes left, the Purple Knights pulled a magic act and scored two late touchdowns to steal the victory.

Agawam looked good despite a 17-0 loss to powerful Classical (second place AA). The Bulldogs came in averaging over 30 points per game.

The Brownies did have their share of strong performers this season. Surprisingly, in an offense that often sputtered, senior halfback Bob Wing amassed 1,146 yards rushing and ten touchdowns. He was also the team's leading tackler from the defensive secondary.

The praises and good words about Wing were many throughout the campaign. He is a solid candidate for All-Western Mass. honors, although the competition in the offensive backfield is stiff this year.

Another tough worker was junior Ken Berard whose efforts were often overshadowed by Wing. The strong fullback gained 900 yards on the season and was especially tough in short yardage situations.

Junior Quarterback Pete Saracino became a good addition to the offense midway through the season and proved he could pass, thereby changing the run-oriented thinking of Agawam's wishbone attack. Saracino had a fine game on Thanksgiving Day and fired a TD pass of 17 yards to Wing.

Of course, two-way starter Al Ingham, who is being highly-recruited by the collegiate ranks but is seriously considering prep school, is a solid candidate for All-Western Mass. honors. At over 240 pounds, Ingham had the size and strength to anchor the Brownie line. Also receiving praise from Supino were seniors Mike Daponde and Pat Tangredi.

22 Lettermen Back

Right now, the best statements about the AHS foot-

ball program seem to lie in the future. The facts about 1984 speak for themselves. In 1985, the Brownies will return 22 lettermen and some talented players up from that outstanding, 7-1 freshmen football team.

Supino has learned the hard way about making predictions but he feels indicators lean toward a winning season next year. The big gaps to fill will be Wing and Ingham, although a more seasoned Saracino, a better Berard, a good placekicker in Nick Carra, and more experience and depth, could point in that direction.

The defense has several key returnees including Bob Altobelli, Tony Moccio, Tony Cichetti, and Tony Ingham. Also, mighty-mite center Jeff O'Keefe, all 140 pounds of him, will find a place in the picture, as well



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Alumni Teams Battle AHS Boys, Girls' At 14th Annual Game

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The 14th Annual Agawam High School Alumni Soccer Games kicked-off with both the boys' and girls' varsity teams battling it out with the alumni on Sunday, November 18th, at Harmon Smith Field.

A good time was had by all, according to organizer Walt Willard, who was the school's first boys' varsity coach before leaving the post in the mid-1970's.

For the first time in three years the alumni men captured the game by virtue of a 5-2 decision.

"We did have a very low turnout this year of alumni but they were all young alumni who came out. A good number of them were still involved with college soccer so their skills were pretty fresh," said Willard. "The guys enjoyed the game more because they got more playing time with the low turnout.

In the girls' game, the varsity continued to dominate the alumni. This year it was a 7-3 trouncing.

"It was still competitive yet fun, even though the score was lop-sided. The two teams were evenly matched in terms of numbers but the varsity definitely had better skills because of more recent playing time," said Bill O'Brien, the girls' varsity coach.

In the alumni men's win, the first four goals were all scored from the right wing position by two different players, which is an unusual occurrence, according to Willard, who was the oldest player on the field (he wouldn't tell his age).

Brian Long (1984) netted the alumni's first and fourth goals while Jean Nicole (1983) booted home the other two goals from the right wing.

Rounding out the alumni's goal-getting was David Jenks (1983) who was fresh from a season of fall soccer at Springfield Technical Community College as their leading scorer.

The alumni's triumph was highlighted by the strong goaltending of John Devine (1973) and Michael Anderson (1977).

In the girls' game it was the varsity all the way as they dominated the 90 minutes of action.

O'Brien's booters, who were not selected for the Division I Western Mass. tournament despite a good record, were paced by high-scoring Missy Sullivan (1), Vicki McCarthy (2) and Sue Fassnacht (1).

Recent AHS graduates Lisa Chevalier and Diana Hardina each netted a goal for the alumni, who put in a good effort but were overmatched.

"The varsity girls really look forward to playing the alumni and vice-versa. Everyone seems to have a good time and it also gives me a chance to see what I've got for next year," O'Brien said.

In the second half, O'Brien inserted only those players who will be returning to the Brownie roster in 1985.

A food stand was set-up to accommodate the hungry players and 100 or so spectators who turned out. Parents Marilyn Sullivan, Mary Martin, and Elaine Barker were in charge.

O'Brien also thanked his wife, Joanne, Marie Goodman, Carol Slate, and Dolly Chevalier, for their help in getting such a fine turnout of alumni girls.

ALUMNI MEN'S ROSTER:

Brian Kane, Mike LaRouche, and Brian Long, 1984; Will Fairlie, Dave Jenks, Kevin Kamyk, Jean Nicole, Mike Petrone, and Dave Stratton, 1983; Tony Caputo, Bill O'Brien Jr., and Tony Venturini, 1982; Todd Griffen, 1981; Mike Anderson, 1977; Marty Davilli, 1975; Tom Depalo, John Devine, and Chris Fuchs, 1973.

ALUMNI WOMEN'S ROSTER:

Jennifer O'Brien, Lisa Chevalier, Diane Goodman, Julie Miodowski, Chris McCarthy, Tammy Potter, and Sue Goehlert, 1984; Debbie Dalton, 1983; Kathy LaGrange, Linda Kunasek, Lori Placanico, Sue and Maureen Conroy, Diana Hardina, Terry Ouellette, and Chris Altobelli (no year's given).

Soccer Parents Association To Elect New Officers

There will be a meeting of the Agawam High School Soccer Parents Association on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. for the election of officers.

The meeting will be held in the teachers lounge of the high school. All interested parents of a junior varsity or varsity player are welcome to attend.

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ALUMNI MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH boys' soccer team who participated in the November 18th game were, back row, from left - Mike Petrone, Brian Kane, Dave Stratton, Brian Long, Will Fairlie, Billy O'Brien, Mike Larouche, Chris Fuchs, and Marty Davilli. Front row - Walt Willard, Mike Anderson, Tom Depalo, Tony Venturini, David Jenks, Tony Caputo, Todd Griffen, and John Devine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALUMNI MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' soccer team - back row, from left - Laurie Placanico, Chris Altobelli, Sue Goehlert, Jennifer O'Brien, Diane Goodman, Diana Hardina, Maureen Conroy, and Julie Miodowski. Front row - Lisa Chevalier, Tammy Potter, Kathy LaGrange, Deb Dalton, Chris McCarthy, and Terry Ouellette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Piranhas Off To Good Start For Season

With the opening of the 1984-85 swimming season in October, the Piranha's, Agawam's Youth Swim Team, is being coached by a new resident of Agawam - Autumn Snow.

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Miss Snow has had much experience in competitive swimming. "I think swimming is one of the most exciting and competitive sports today," she said.

She was a swimmer on a team in Louisville for 13 years, and has had seven years diving experience.

Miss Snow also coached a swim team in Louisville similar to the Piranhas for two years. She said breast stroke is her favorite stroke. She was city champ for two years.

The Piranhas have 100 swimmers on the team this year, consisting of experienced swimmers and those never on a competitive swim team before.

The Piranhas will have several meets this season. The first meet was November 17th (at home) against Longmeadow. All home meets are held at the Agawam Junior High. Seven other meets are scheduled for the season, four of which are at home.

On February 10th, all of the swim teams competing in the Pioneer Valley Swim League will attend a championship meet at Springfield College.

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Where Are They Now...

Leonardi's Impact Felt By Joe Modzelewski; Recalls 1950's Teams

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Joe "Little Mo" Modzelewski, a former standout halfback and defensive cornerback for Agawam High School from 1957 to 1959, claims that he owes everything he has to football.

The Agawam resident has been involved with football as a player and coach for almost 30 years. "I love to play and I love to coach football. The game has controlled my life. It gave me a chance for an education and it will always hold a special place in my life," he said.

Part of the impact football made on him came from the direction and coaching of his former coach and mentor at Agawam High - Harry Leonardi, who now resides on Silver Lake Drive.

Leonardi A Major Influence

"Harry Leonardi was probably the most influential man in my life. He gave me an awful lot and he was there to direct me when I needed it. I don't know where I'd be without his influence."

Of Leonardi's coaching ability, Modzelewski said, "He was definitely ahead of his time in coaching strategy. He was also a brilliant psychologist and could get the most out of a person."

"Little Mo" got his start in organized football in the eighth grade, but went on to enjoy three good varsity seasons with AHS, including 1957 when the Brownies went 8-0 and captured another AA Conference championship.

Interestingly enough, Joe's brother, Ed, was the Brownie quarterback during the 1957 and 1958 seasons. He said that it was exciting to watch and play on the same team as his older brother Ed.

During those years Modzelewski's efforts were overshadowed by a trio of talented backs in 1957 and 1958. He fondly recalled the record breaking effort of Jim "Turk" Bruno, and the often brilliant displays by Pete Schindler and Dick Glogowski. But Modzelewski would have his day.

He received his share of the ink during his senior year. Against rival West Springfield, he racked-up four touchdowns, a record that he still shares with former Agawam greats such as Joe Pisano and Mike B'Shara. Despite this, he still painfully remembers an 8-0 loss to West Side in 1958. This game cost the Brownies the Western Mass. championship.

"I'll never forget that loss to West Side. I could've scored 10 touchdowns against them my senior year, but it would never make-up for that loss."

Modzelewski feels his personal best performance came in a 14-12 loss to undefeated Holyoke High when he scored both Brownie touchdowns.

Another thrilling moment for him came when the Brownies battled to a dramatic, 18-18 tie with Springfield Tech in 1958 before almost 8,000 fans. The game will always be remembered as one of the all-time greats in Brownie football lore.

Besides the gridiron, Modzelewski also excelled in basketball and baseball. As a pitcher at 17, he was nearly drafted by the Giants organization. But, education came first so he then chose, with the advice of Leonardi, to go to college.

After graduating from AHS in 1960, he spent two years at Trinidad Junior College in Colorado. From there he went on to complete his degree in physical education at the University of Nevada at Reno.

The Best of Both Worlds

Modzelewski enjoyed the best of both worlds at Trinidad and Nevada. While keeping good grades, he was selected as an All-Conference player both years at Trinidad and was honorable mention All-Conference his second year at Nevada.

Shortly after college, Modzelewski returned to Agawam High as a physical education instructor and is now in his 16th year. He also realized a dream when he was an assistant football coach at AHS for eight years. He also brought the AHS track team from a Division II doormat into a true power in Division I before leaving the post several years ago.

Presently, Modzelewski is in his second year as assistant coach for an up-and-coming Westfield State College football program.

He resides at Grant Avenue with his wife, Donna, and two children, Karen (13) and Joe (12).

"As long as I am involved with the game of football in some aspect, I'll be happy. I enjoy it so much, especially the involvement with the kids. I hope to continue doing it for a long time," he added with a big grin.

"Where are they now"
is a regular feature of
the Advertiser News



THIS PICTURE OF JOE MODZELEWSKI from his days at Agawam High will bring a fond smile to many of the people who know him today...

William Landry Earns Award At Nichols College

William Landry of Agawam received a letter for football at the recent Nichols College falls sports banquet.

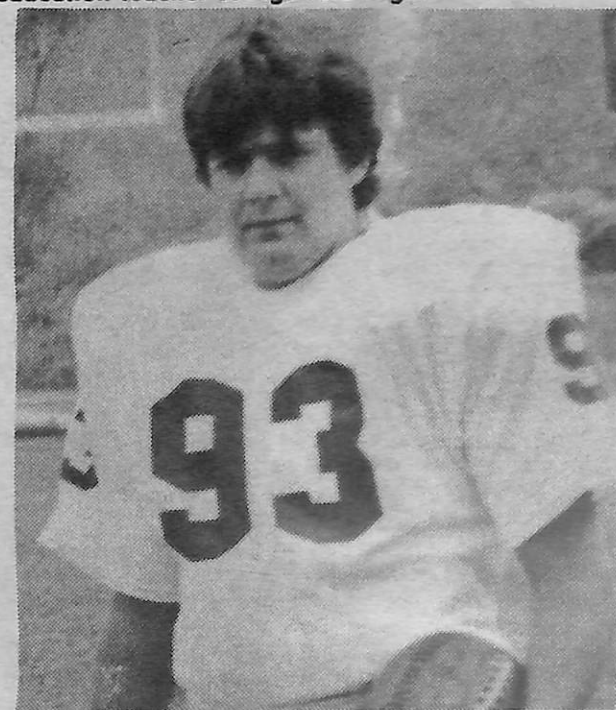
Landry, a graduate of Agawam High School, is a freshman at Nichols. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Landry of 24 Campbell Drive, Agawam.

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Rick Leclerc Ends UNH Grid Career After UMass Loss

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A heartbreaking 14-10 loss by the (9-1) University of New Hampshire football team to cellar-dweller University of Massachusetts (2-8) on Saturday, November 17th, marked the end of UNH quarterback Rick Leclerc's gridiron career.

Leclerc, a former Agawam High three-sport standout, enjoyed four years as the Wildcats' signalcaller and punter. The computer science major, who was red-shirted in his sophomore year, is continuing his education at UNH by studying for his master's degree in computer science.

The recent loss to UMass, played on a wind-whipped November day, saw him score the only UNH TD. The loss also erased their chances of sharing the Yankee Conference title with Boston University and a possible NCAA Division IAA tournament bid.

Won't Forget UMass Game

According to Leclerc, he'll never forget the UMass game.

"Emotionally, I don't think we were ready to face UMass. We may have been looking ahead to the tournament. I believe UMass is a better team than their record showed, but we didn't play to our potential," he said. "This was very disappointing for me because it was my last chance and the team's last chance to make the tournament."

Leclerc got his first call to duty at UNH when he was a freshman during the fourth game of the season. When the starting QB was injured during the first quarter, Leclerc stepped in to lead the squad to victory. It also started a six-game win streak for UNH. He would appear in three more games that season.

The Wildcats' 1983 and 1984 seasons were particularly fruitful as Leclerc helped them to overall records of 7-4 and 9-2, respectively. This season, the run-oriented Wildcats did not fully utilize the aerial skills of Leclerc. They relied on the running ability of Andre Garron, a 1,000-plus yard back.

Although Leclerc's throwing talents were most helpful this season, including a key, 13-2 win over Northeastern when he engineered a 69-yard march to payday (including a seven-yard scoring strike to tightend Tom Flanagan), UNH was considered a team whose bread and butter was on the ground.

"I had hoped to be throwing more this season but we were winning and Andre helped move the offense. I threw when we needed to," added Leclerc, who also served as a team captain.

Personally, Leclerc had his best performance last year when UNH had a six-game win streak. He completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,450 yards and nine touchdowns. The versatile gridder was also selected to the All-Conference second team as a punter.

Two other honors that he received at UNH were the Craig Scholarship for outstanding sophomore student/athlete and the Alumni Association student/athlete award when he completed his senior year in 1983.

His best individual performance came in 1983 when he completed 11 of 15 passes, (four touchdowns), in a 52-28 rout of Lehigh.

Began As A Freshman At AHS

Leclerc got his start in football as a frosh at Agawam High and by the time he was a senior, he was one of the premiere quarterbacks in Western Mass. He attained All-Western Mass. status for the Brownies when he graduated in 1980 (team was 7-3).

Did his father Roger, a former professional football player with the Chicago Bears, influence his decision to play football?

"My father never pushed us (also his brother Dean) into playing. In fact, we played soccer when we were younger and never thought about playing football. I had my father for a coach my sophomore year at Agawam High and I enjoyed it very much," he added.

Presently, Leclerc will be working hard to complete his master's degree, and will spend much more time with his wife, Linda, and their 16 month-old son, Ricky Jr.

"Now that I'm not playing football any longer, I'll have time to do the things I missed out on, especially spending a lot more time with my wife and son," he said.

If you wish coverage of a local sporting event, please call us at 786-7747 and leave a message for Judy Kelliher, sports editor



Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Gunning For Deer

Opening day of the gun season for deer this year promised to be the largest concentration of hunters seen in this part of the state.

Monday morning the hunter's vehicles were literally bumper to bumper on Route 57 heading into the western hills. No doubt Routes 20 and 23 were in the same situation. We chose Sandisfield for the opening morning and the concentration of hunters was awesome.

A single shot opened the way and from then on until 10:00 a.m., it was a steady barrage of firing. If every hunter that shot his gun in that space of time was aiming at a buck deer, then the deer herd is a lot larger than predicted by the division biologist. I think that it is time for the wardens to don hunting garb and hit the woods with the hunters. It is done in Maine. Why not here?

At 5:30 p.m., the Tolland General Store, operated by Gene and Peg Papa (famous in hunting circles) was swamped with hunters weighing their deer and waiting for their second permits. There were 54 deer registered at that time and a line of six hunters was in the store waiting for service. Outside it was a mad house. Cars with deer on them were lined up on both sides of Route 57 waiting to get at the scales.

Local Residents Scored

I was only able to get information from the Tolland General Store about local residents that scored. I did not get to the Country Cousins Restaurant for a com-

plete count. The following are the hunters registered at the time I was there. **Gerry Provost**, 603 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 80 pound doe; **Mark Poirier**, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, spike buck; **Allan Brown, Jr.**, 6 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, doe; **Tony Marciel**, North West Street, Feeding Hills, 125 pound spike buck; **Richard Metivier**, 24 Mallard Circle, Agawam, 2 point buck; **Stan Cowee**, long time friend residing in Southwick, 110 pound doe; and one of West Springfield's finest, **Carlo Lovotti**, 162 pound, 8 point buck.

While we are off chasing the whitetail deer a few of our outdoor enthusiasts are getting in some good fishing. The weather has been fabulous for fishing the local grounds. **Tom Misiewicz**, of Horsham Place, Feeding Hills, decided to hit Congamond Ponds last weekend and instead of fishing for bass he opted to troll a rapala on dry flat line for trout. It paid off! Tom boated a 4½ pound brook trout that measured 23 inches long. He registered it at Elmer's Bait Shop.

Back to opening day hunting. If the trend is being set by the registered deer at the Tolland General Store, then 1984 promises to be the largest harvest in many years.

The only discouraging aspect of the deer harvested is the great amount of spike horn bucks taken. A spike horn is not a sound deer, it has something lacking in its development and should be harvested.

However, when a large number show up it points out that something health-wise is wrong with the herd. They spread their deformity when breeding with healthy does. This was the case for years in Vermont and their herd was in poor shape and decline health-wise was considerable.

My opening day score - Zero - I saw a few does but no bucks. Not having a doe permit I could not put one in my freezer. Eight more days to go; maybe I will get lucky.

Agawam Soccer Assn. Final Standings

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2. Cornwell's Cosmos
3. Griffin's Apollos
4. Brown's Falcons
5. Mercolino's Sounders

- 22 pts.
- 15 pts.
- 15 pts.
- 8 pts.
- 0 pts.

Under-12 Girls

1. Dickman's Falcons
2. Sullivan's Apollos
3. Mazeika's Cosmos
4. Washburn's Sounders
5. O'Grady's Beacons

- 19 pts.
- 12 pts.
- 9 pts.
- 9 pts.
- 7 pts.

Under-14 Girls

1. Barstow's Falcons
2. Radtke's Sounders
3. Hodge's Beacons
4. Bryne's Cosmos
5. Jochim's Apollos
6. Slate's Hellions

- 23 pts.
- 22 pts.
- 16 pts.
- 14 pts.
- 12 pts.
- 3 pts.

Under-17 Girls And Boys

1. Parrotta's Falcons
2. Nancy's Beacons
3. Longley's Apollos
4. Drzal's Cosmos
5. Corradino's Sounders

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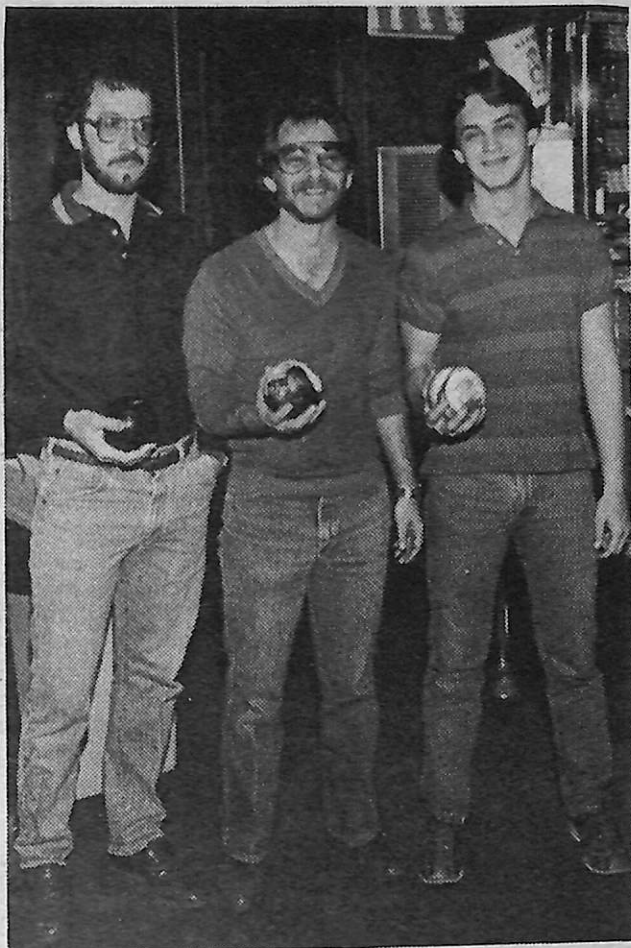
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TRI-PARISH ROLLERS of Villanova, the Round One champs are, from left - Ron Hamel, Frank Rescigno, and Keith Rescigno. Missing is Ernie Blair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rescigno, Villanova, Round One Winners

by Joe Lango
Tri-Parish Bowling Secretary

After years of criticism and being labeled a loser, the Lordly Barber, FRANK RESCIGNO, reigns supreme! Rescigno and his Villanova squad snared three crucial wins over Boston College to annex the Round One championship of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League.

Villanova came into the match with 25½ wins and BC was totally in the driver's seat with 26½ wins. BC only needed to split for the crown. BC ended up in third place with 27½ wins and were passed on the way by the league's perennial bridesmaid - Catholic University (28 wins). CU, when it didn't matter, feasted on door-mat Holy Cross who posted one of the worst team rounds in recent Tri-Parish memory (7½ wins).

In the Villanova victory over BC, which automatically qualifies them for the spring 1985 playoffs, DORIS KRYZKOWSKI got the ball rolling with a 276-224 win over KEITH RESCIGNO, the Lordly Barber's son. But here comes that great jewelry expert, RON HAMEL. He really put Villanova back on the track with a 315-265 whipping of PAUL DEZIELLE which turned the match around.

Villanova's ERNIE BLAIR then followed his teammate's lead with a 311-273 wipe-out of VIN GOSSELIN. Rescigno then held his own against the league's best roller, captain BOBBY MOCCIO of BC. All Bobby could do was hang his head after he defeated Frankie, 327-309.

Happy as a lark, ole Frankie may prove he is smarter than he looks. Remember that controversial match last month when Villanova grabbed a few extra victories after Frankie issued a protest? As we said back then, Frankie just might get through the door. Still, no one can take Frankie's moment of glory away

from him or his teammates. *****

CU vented its anger on poor Holy Cross who appeared ragged and worn. Winning for CU, a team that always is there but never can quite reach the top, was captain JIM SNYDER (363) and former Agawam High basketball bruiser RAY BARBIERI (322). Also winning for CU was JEAN BUONICONTI (278). Poor MAYBETH COUGHLIN left a first division team (St. Mary's) for a cellar-dweller in HC.

St. Anselm, last year's grand champions, finished Round One strong (fourth place-25 wins) and appear prime to again challenge in Round Two. St. A's unloaded on Loyola (eighth place-21 wins), three wins to one. Top roller for St. A's were RICH SNYDER (329). Captain EDDIE ANDERSON led the losers with a fine 341. *****

Seventh place St. Michael (22½ wins) took 2½ wins from St. Mary (fifth place-24½ wins). Tops for St. Mike's were PAULINE DEPALO (297), JANICE MOCCIO (280), and captain MICHAEL O'CONNELL (321). FRED MORASSI (317) and PAUL LAGODITZ (312) kept St. Mary's in the match.

Georgetown (10th place-20 wins) ended Round One with some thunder by smashing lowly St. Louis (11th place-16 wins), four wins to none. Winning for G-Town were TONY DEPALO (285), SANDY PRZESZLO (299), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio (340).

And finally, Fordham (ninth place-20 wins) took four wins from Notre Dame (sixth place-23½ wins) who really took a nosedive in the last crucial weeks of the round. Winning for Fordham were KATHY CARVILL (268), STELLA BARBIERI (274), and captain ANN O'CONNELL (314).

Riverside Speedway Still Plans Program For Smaller Engines In 1985

Riverside Park Speedway, in keeping with tradition, will still offer a special unique program for the smaller cubic-inch engines for the 1985 season.

In addition to this, Riverside will also offer the same bonus to the Limited Modifieds that ran in the "September Series" at Riverside. The popular 340 Limited Bonus will offer a bonus of \$350 above the posted purse.

The structure of the bonus will be \$160 for first; \$115 second; and \$75, third (again this is above the posted purse). This bonus is offered as an incentive for

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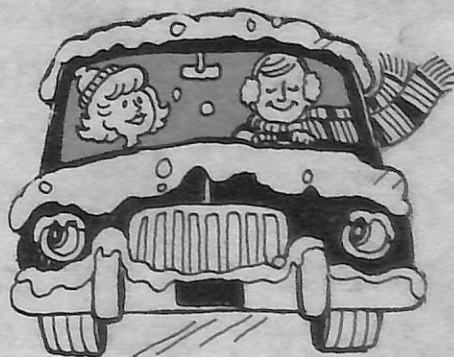
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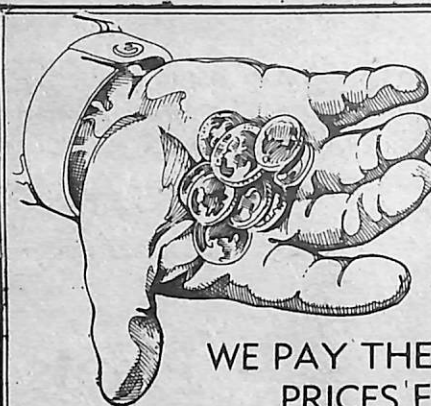
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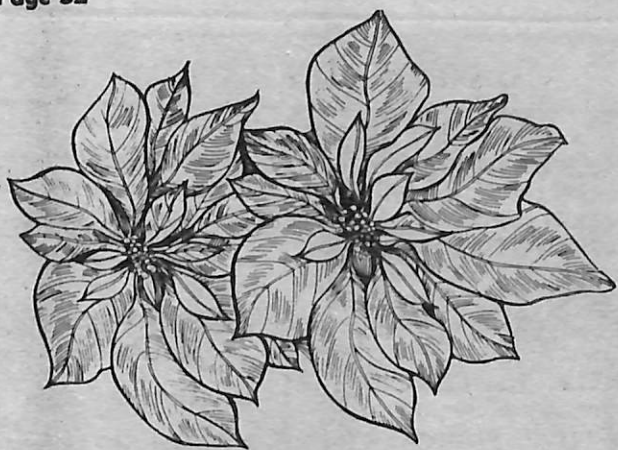
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